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# I Want You to Make Me

# Beautiful

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TO Make Me  
*Beautiful*



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I DIDN'T  
THINK  
WE'D BE  
MORE  
THAN  
FRIENDS.



JUST  
LIKE  
ONE  
OF  
THE  
GIRLS!





ONE  
MONTH  
EARLIER...







KEI-SUKE...?



MY  
NAME IS  
NISHIMURA  
KANNA,  
AGE 25.  
JUST YOUR  
AVERAGE  
WORKING  
WOMAN...



OH,  
GREAT.

UNTIL  
THE DAY I  
CAUGHT MY  
BOYFRIEND  
CHEATING.



THIS IS  
YOUR  
THIRD  
STRIKE!

ASSHOLE!  
YOU TOOK  
THE WORDS  
RIGHT OUT  
OF MY  
MOUTH!





EXCUSE ME?

DO YOU THINK I'M BLIND?!

OWW!

WHAT WAS THAT FOR?!

SLAP  
ぱん

OUR RELATIONSHIP DIDN'T EVEN LAST A YEAR.

AFTER THE THIRD TIME HE CHEATED, I WAS DONE.



AHH, JUST SHUT UP ALREADY!

YOU KNOW WHAT?

YOU PROMISED YOU'D NEVER CHEAT AGAIN! I TRUSTED YOU!


WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO GROW UP?!



I'VE BEEN OVER YOU FOR A WHILE.

WE'RE DONE HERE.





IF IT  
WASN'T FOR  
THE FRIGGIN'  
LAW, I WOULD  
ENDED HIM!



YOU'RE  
DRAB AND  
UGLY. I  
DESERVE  
BETTER.



JERK-  
FACE  
IDIOT!

I MEAN,  
HE'S THE  
ONE WHO  
CHEATED,  
BUT  
SOMEHOW  
I'M THE  
BAD  
GUY?!



NOW,  
NOW!  
TAKE IT  
EASY.

HE'S  
DEAD  
TO ME!  
DEAD!

I'LL  
[BLEEP]  
HIS  
[BLEEP]!



I AM  
DRAB  
AND  
UGLY.

BUT  
IF I'M  
HONEST  
...

HE'S  
RIGHT  
ABOUT  
ME.





JUST  
LOOK AT  
THE GIRL  
HE WAS  
WITH.

HER  
CLOTHES  
WERE  
SO CLUTE  
AND  
CHIC.



I'M  
CLUELESS  
ABOUT  
THE LATEST  
TRENDS.  
MAKEUP'S  
A MYSTERY  
TO ME.

ME? NO  
FASHION  
SENSE  
WHAT-  
SOEVER.

KNOWING  
THAT WAS  
WHY HE LOST  
INTEREST...  
IT WAS A  
REAL GLT  
PUNCH.



YOU  
WANT TO  
MAKE HIM  
REGRET  
IT?

WELL...  
YEAH,  
KINDA...

WONDER  
HOW HE'D  
REACT IF  
I GOT A  
MAKEOVER  
...?

LIGH...  
I KNOW,  
BUT...

BEAUTY'S  
SKIN-DEEP!  
IT'S WHAT'S  
ON THE  
INSIDE THAT  
COUNTS!

HEY!  
IF THAT'S  
WHAT IT  
TAKES TO  
KEEP A  
GUY, HE'S  
GARBAGE!

IF I  
WERE  
HOTTER,  
MAYBE  
HE'D STOP  
CHEATING...

AWW...  
I'M SORRY  
YOU'RE  
GOING  
THROUGH  
THIS, HON.

TRY  
NOT TO  
LET IT  
EAT AT  
YOU,  
OKAY?

...!

IT  
JUST  
HURTS,  
YOU  
KNOW  
...?

WHIMPER...





SERIOUSLY,  
I COULD  
GO WI--

NO  
YOU'RE  
NOT, YOU  
TOTAL  
LIGHT-  
WEIGHT.



NEED  
A LITTLE  
HELP  
THERE?

SWAY  
Doo  
Doo

POTTY  
BREAK!

I'M  
FIIINE!



WHAT  
I WANT  
IS TO BE  
DROP-  
DEAD  
GORGEOUS.

LIKE,  
FOR  
EXAMPLE  
...



BAM  
YII  
W  
~

ACK!

WHOA!

WHAT  
DID I JUST  
TELL YOU?!  
OH MY  
GOD!





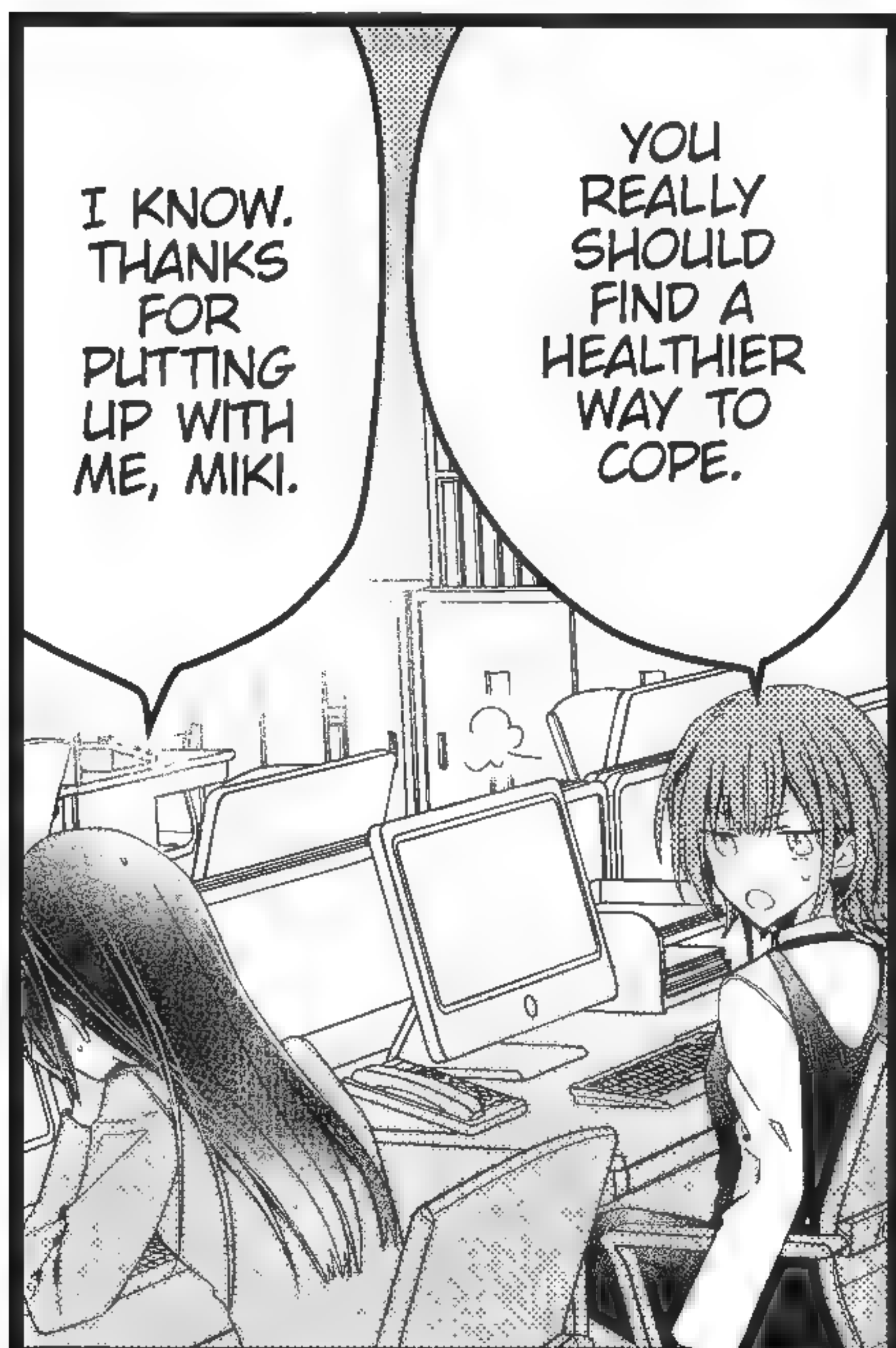












I KNOW.  
THANKS  
FOR  
PUTTING  
UP WITH  
ME, MIKI.

YOU  
REALLY  
SHOULD  
FIND A  
HEALTHIER  
WAY TO  
COPE.



UGH...  
I'M  
HUNG  
OVER...

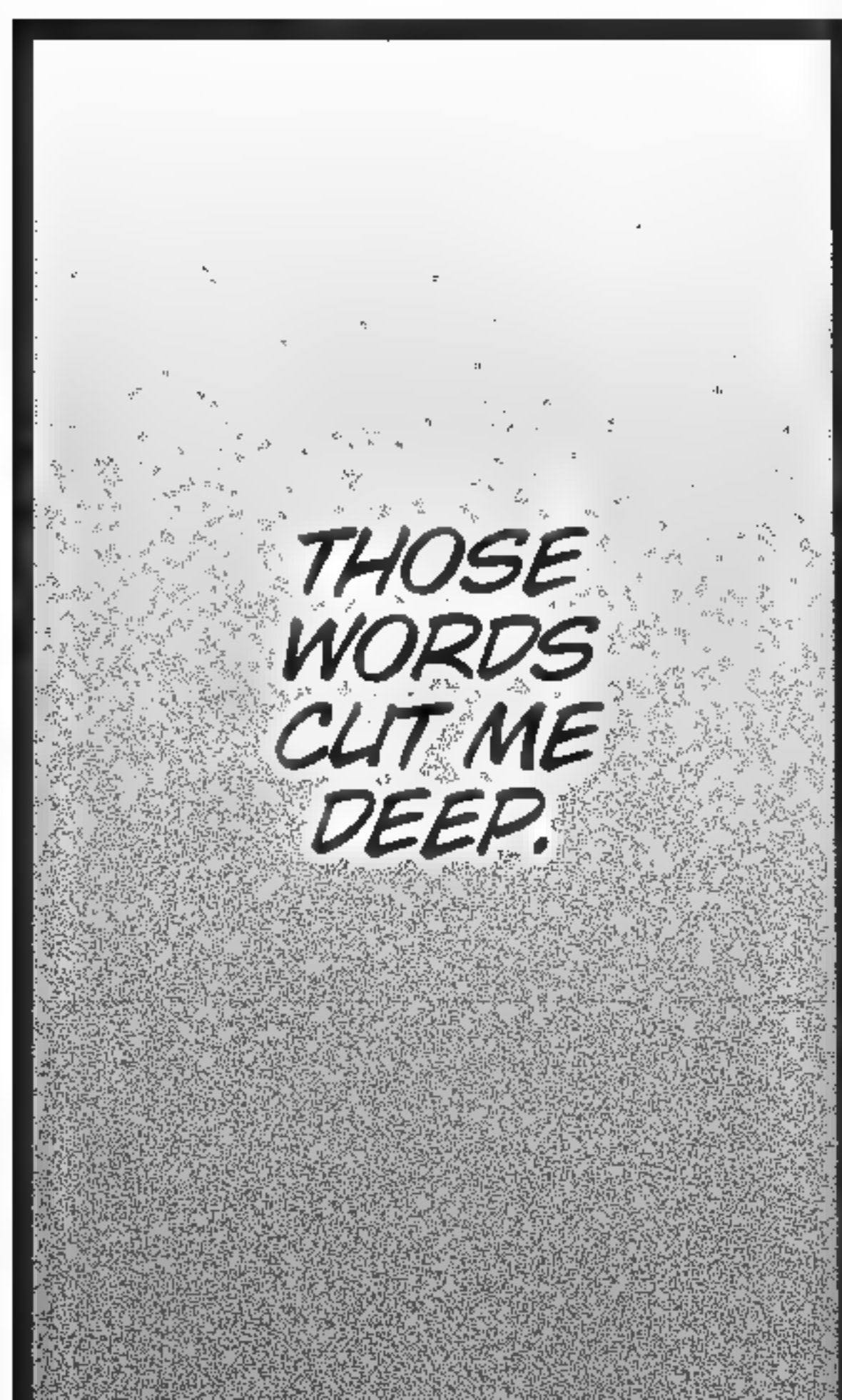


DO YOU  
FEEL ANY  
BETTER,  
AT  
LEAST?

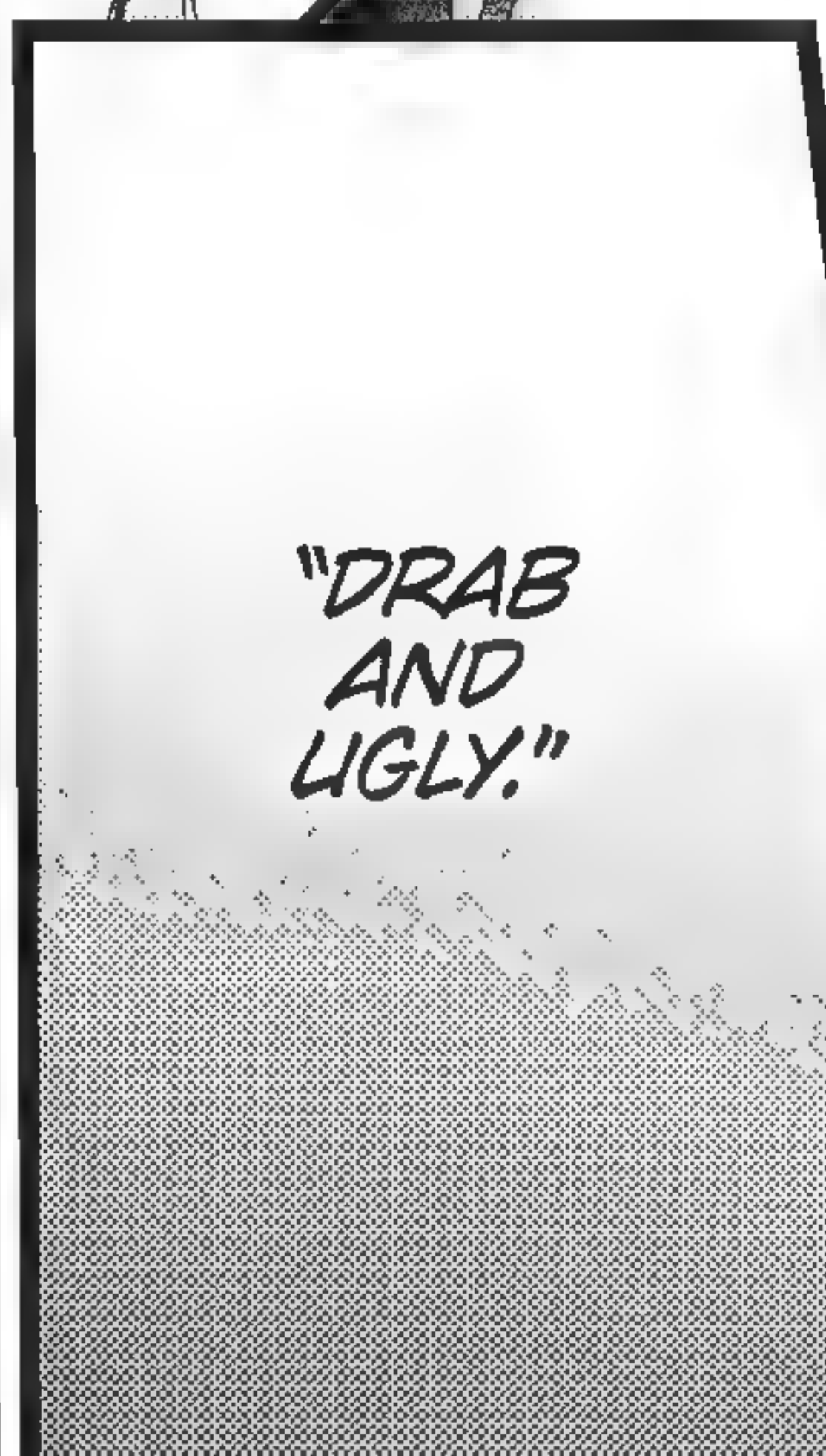


SHE'S  
ALWAYS  
LOOKING  
OUT FOR  
ME.

I'VE  
KNOWN MY  
COWORKER  
MIKI SINCE  
HIGH  
SCHOOL.



THOSE  
WORDS  
CUT ME  
DEEP.



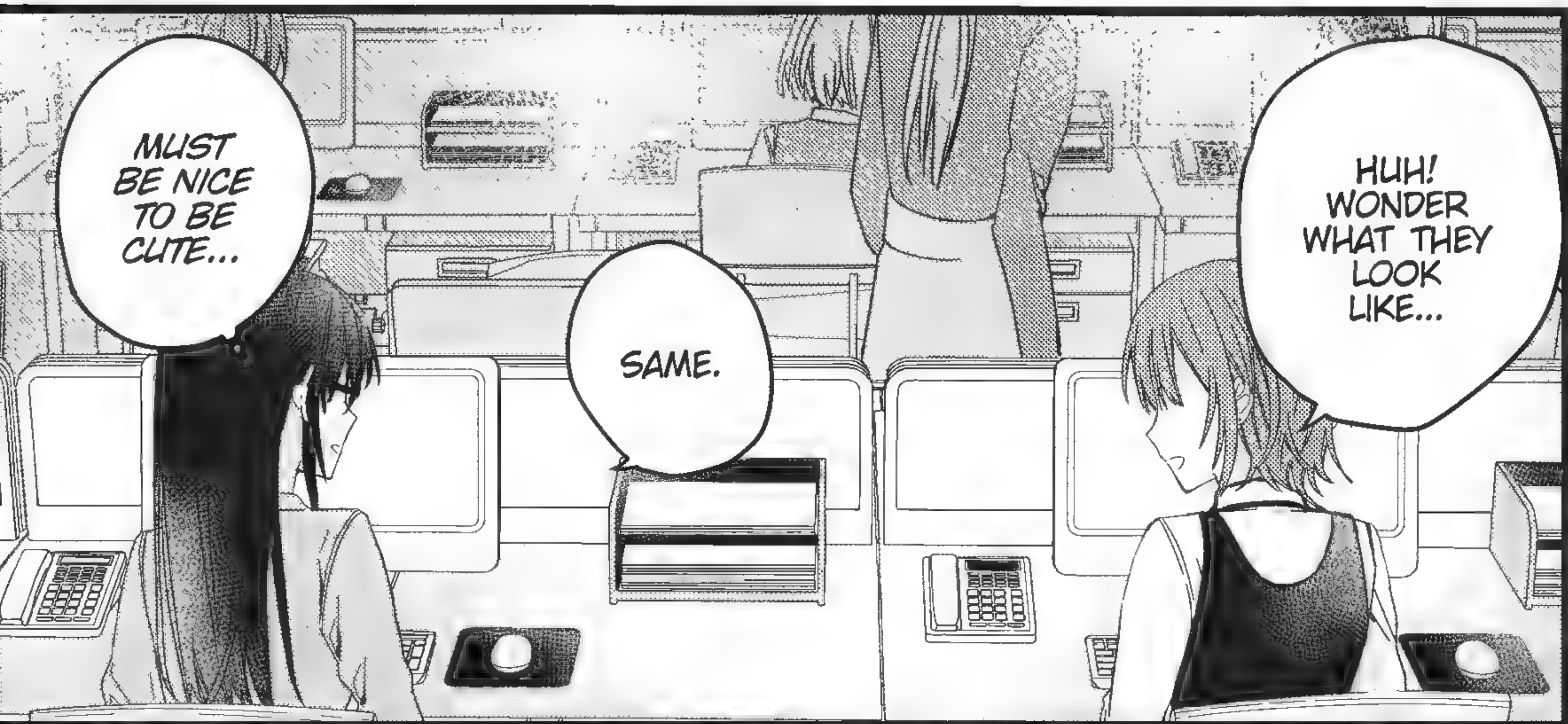
"DRAB  
AND  
UGLY."



YEAH,  
A BIT...

A LIE.













WHAT?!

BUT  
JUST SO  
WE'RE ALL  
ON THE  
SAME  
PAGE--I'M  
ACTUALLY  
A GUY!

HEY  
ALL,  
NICE TO  
MEET  
YOU!

SHE'S A  
GUY?!



COULD  
HAVE  
FOOLED  
ME.

He's so  
pretty!



IT  
CAN'T  
BE!

ICHI-  
KAWA...

YUZUKI?





KANNA-  
CHAN!



GUESS  
IT WAS  
YOU  
AFTER  
ALL!

I COULDN'T  
RECOGNIZE YOU  
WITHOUT YOUR  
GLASSES LAST  
NIGHT.



NO  
WAY!

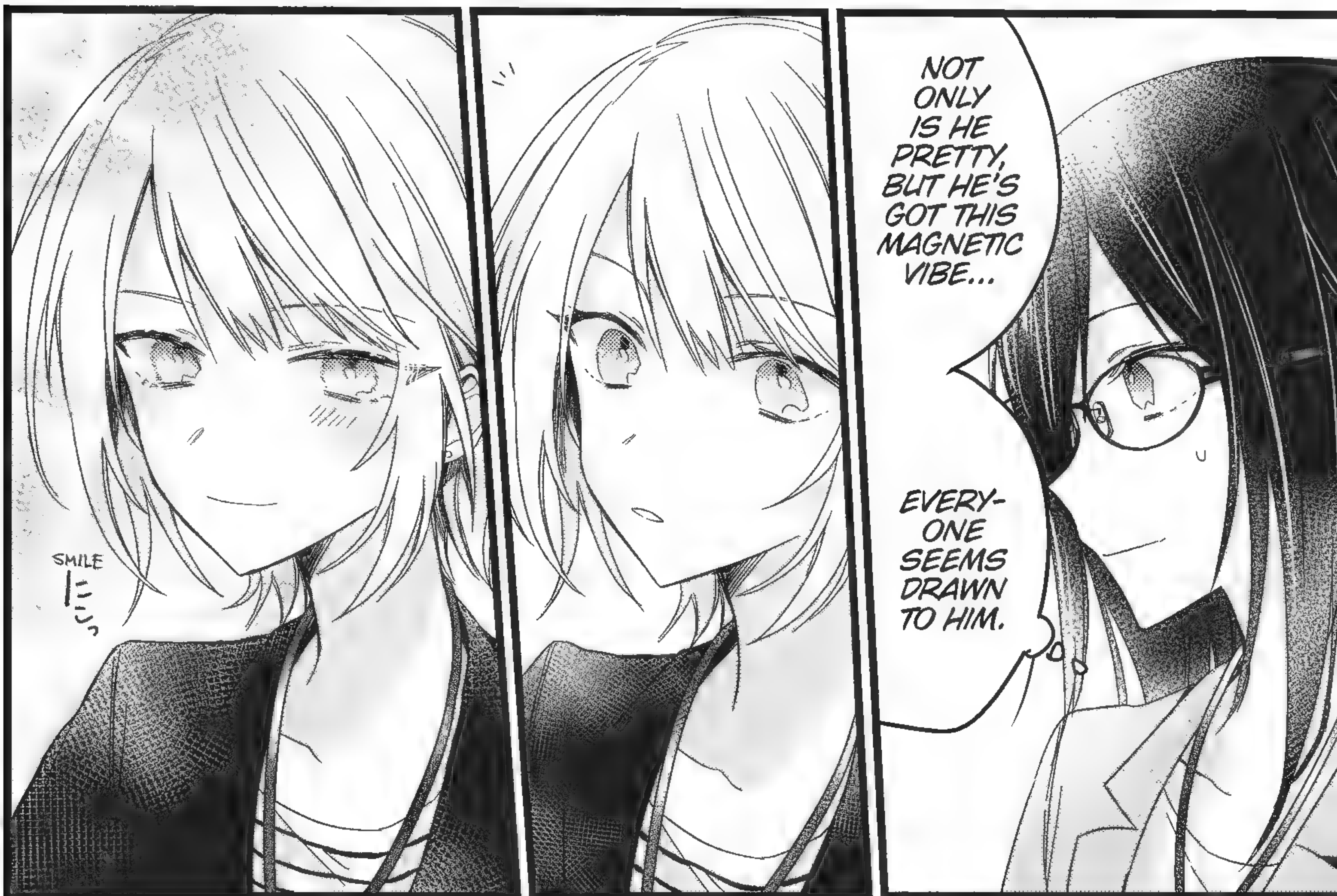
OLD  
FRIENDS  
FROM  
JUNIOR  
HIGH?!

LONG  
TIME  
NO  
SEE!













NOT ONLY  
DOES HE LOOK  
DIFFERENT, HE  
DRESSES LIKE  
A MODEL.



AND  
SUCH  
A CUTE  
SMILE,  
TOO.

WOLT  
#2



GASP!

I WISH  
I COULD  
LOOK LIKE  
HIM...  
BUT I...



GOT  
IT.

SORRY,  
I GOTTA  
GO.

CLATTER  
#9



IT'S  
KEISUKE!

UGH!



UGH,  
SEEING  
HIM SETS  
MY BLOOD  
BOILING  
ALL OVER  
AGAIN!

"Drab  
and  
ugly!"

THERE'S  
THAT GREAT  
DOWNSIDE  
TO DATING A  
COWORKER.

THANKFULLY,  
KEISUKE  
WORKS IN  
SALES, SO  
WE ONLY  
CROSS  
PATHS  
DURING  
LUNCH.

HE'S  
SOOOO  
CUTE!

AM I  
CRAZY, OR  
IS ICHIKAWA-  
KUN, LIKE,  
ACTUALLY  
PERFECT?!

NO  
WAY!

AND  
SINCE HE  
JUST MOVED  
HERE, HE'S  
PROBABLY  
SINGLE!





halt...

ONE DAY  
ON THE  
JOB AND  
YUZUKI-  
KUN'S  
ALREADY  
TURNING  
HEADS.



WOW...

MAYBE  
I SHOULD  
SHOOT  
MY SHOT!



BUT AFTER  
GRADUATION,  
WE FELL OUT  
OF TOUCH.

WE MET  
IN JUNIOR  
HIGH WHEN  
WE WERE  
ASSIGNED  
TO THE SAME  
COMMITTEE.  
WE HAD SO  
MUCH FUN  
BACK THEN...

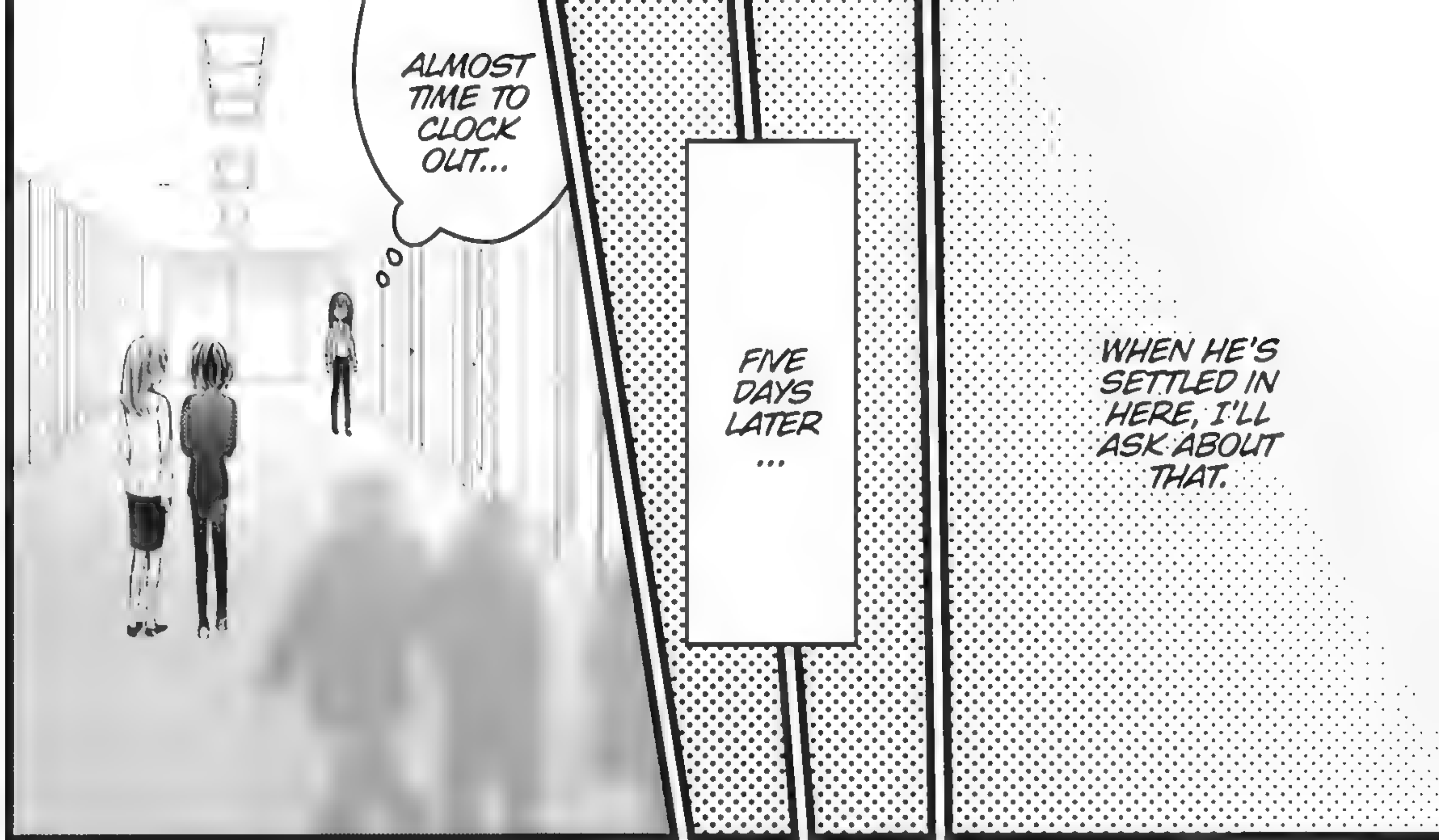


I WISH  
HE'D GIVE  
ME SOME  
POINTERS...

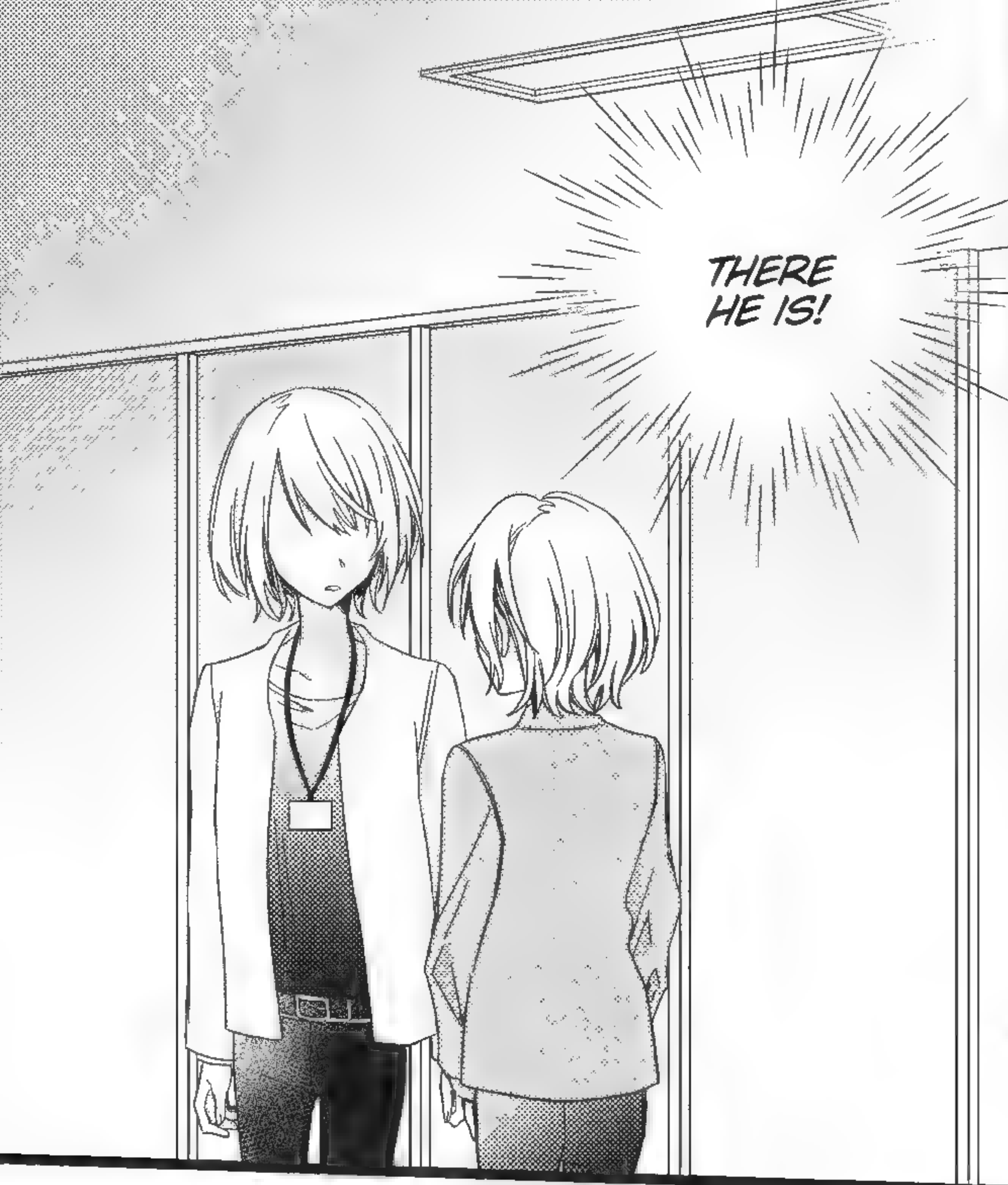


HE MUST  
HAVE REALLY  
PUT IN THE  
WORK TO  
ATTAIN THAT  
BEAUTY.

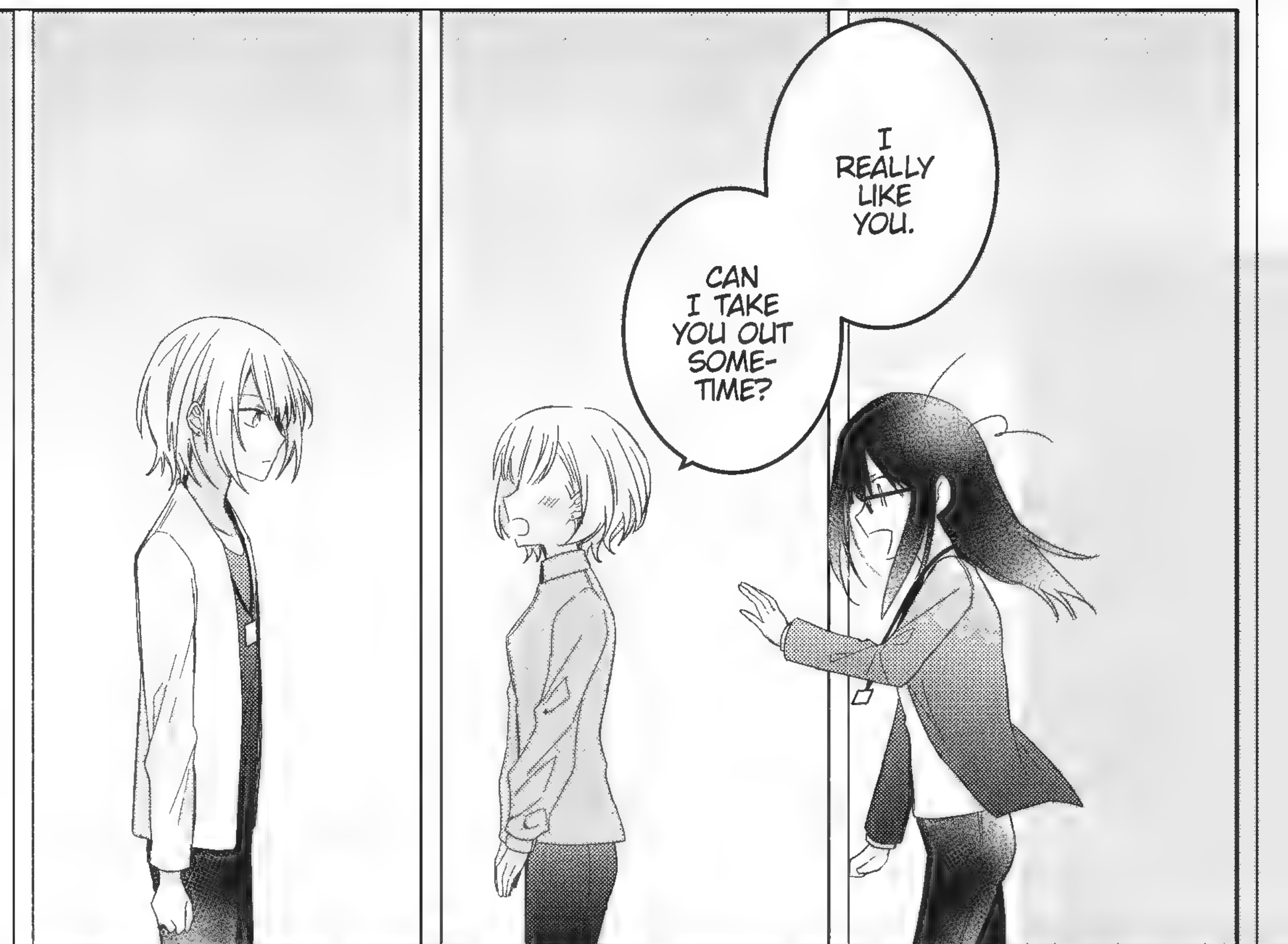
















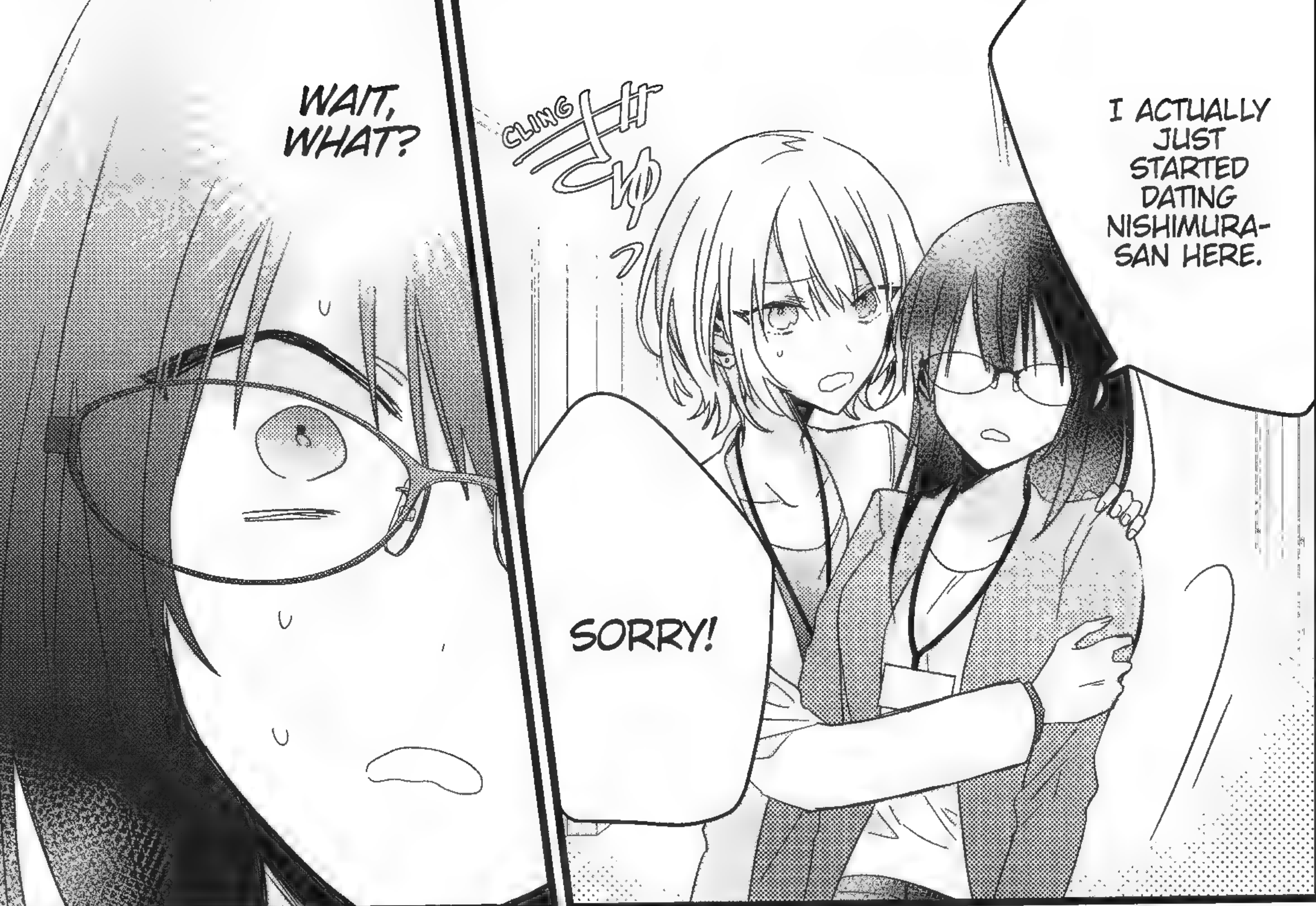




PLAY  
ALONG,  
NOW.

I  
APPRECIATE  
YOUR OFFER,  
BUT...









THESE PAST  
FEW DAYS,  
EVERYBODY  
AND THEIR  
MOTHER'S  
BEEN ASKING  
ME OUT.

TURNING  
THEM DOWN  
TIME AFTER  
TIME IS  
EXHAUSTING.



UGH,  
I'M SORRY!  
I NEEDED AN  
EXCUSE, AND  
IT WAS THE  
FIRST THING  
THAT CAME  
TO MIND!

WHY  
WOULD  
YOU LIE  
ABOUT  
THAT?

She  
looked  
totally  
crushed



I'M  
BEGGING  
YOU,  
KANNA-  
CHAN!



THEN  
I SAW YOU  
AND THOUGHT,  
"I COULD  
SOLVE THIS  
BY GETTING A  
GIRLFRIEND!"

SO I  
JUST  
KINDA...  
WENT  
FOR IT.





COME  
AGAIN?!

PRETEND  
YOU'RE MY  
GIRLFRIEND  
FOR A  
WHILE!



THAT'S  
NOT  
TRUE!

BESIDES,  
I GOTTA  
MAKE UP  
FOR  
SPRINGING  
A KISS ON  
YOU LIKE  
THAT.

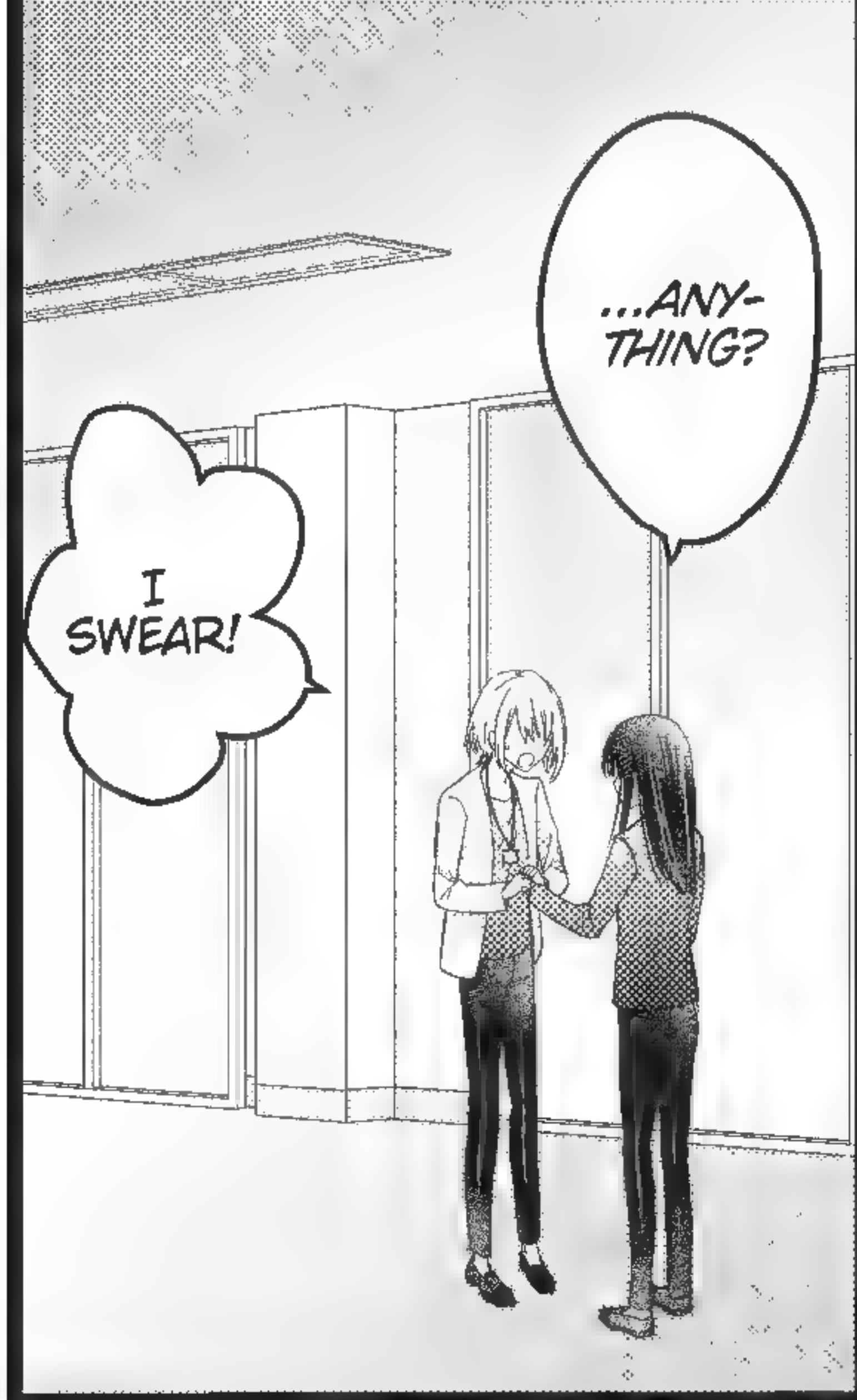


AND  
THE  
OTHER  
WOMEN  
HERE  
WILL  
HATE MY  
GUTS!!!

YOU'RE  
LIKE A  
BILLION  
PERCENT  
OUT OF MY  
LEAGUE....!

NO,  
NO,  
NOOOO  
WAY!!!





...ANY-  
THING?

I  
SWEAR!



I'LL DO  
ANYTHING  
YOU ASK!



I HAVE A  
REQUEST.

OKAY  
THEN...



I  
WANT  
YOU TO  
MAKE ME  
BEAUTIFUL.



I Want You  
to Make Me Beautiful



I Want You  
to Make Me Beautiful





I  
want  
you to  
make me  
beautiful.



UHHH...



HERE'S  
THE  
DEAL...

I'M NOT  
FISHING FOR  
COMPLIMENTS!

I MEAN...  
YOU DON'T  
NEED A  
MAKEOVER  
FOR--





WHAT I  
NEED IS AN  
OBJECTIVE  
THIRD  
PARTY.  
BESIDES...

FOR THE  
RECORD, I  
DO READ  
FASHION  
MAGAZINES,  
BUT IT'S  
ALL GREEK  
TO ME.



YOU  
WANT ME  
TO MAKE YOU  
FASHIONABLE  
TO GET BACK  
AT YOUR  
SHITTY EX?

LET  
ME GET  
THIS  
STRAIGHT.

NOD  
/JYV/



IF IT  
ISN'T  
TOO  
MUCH  
TROUBLE.

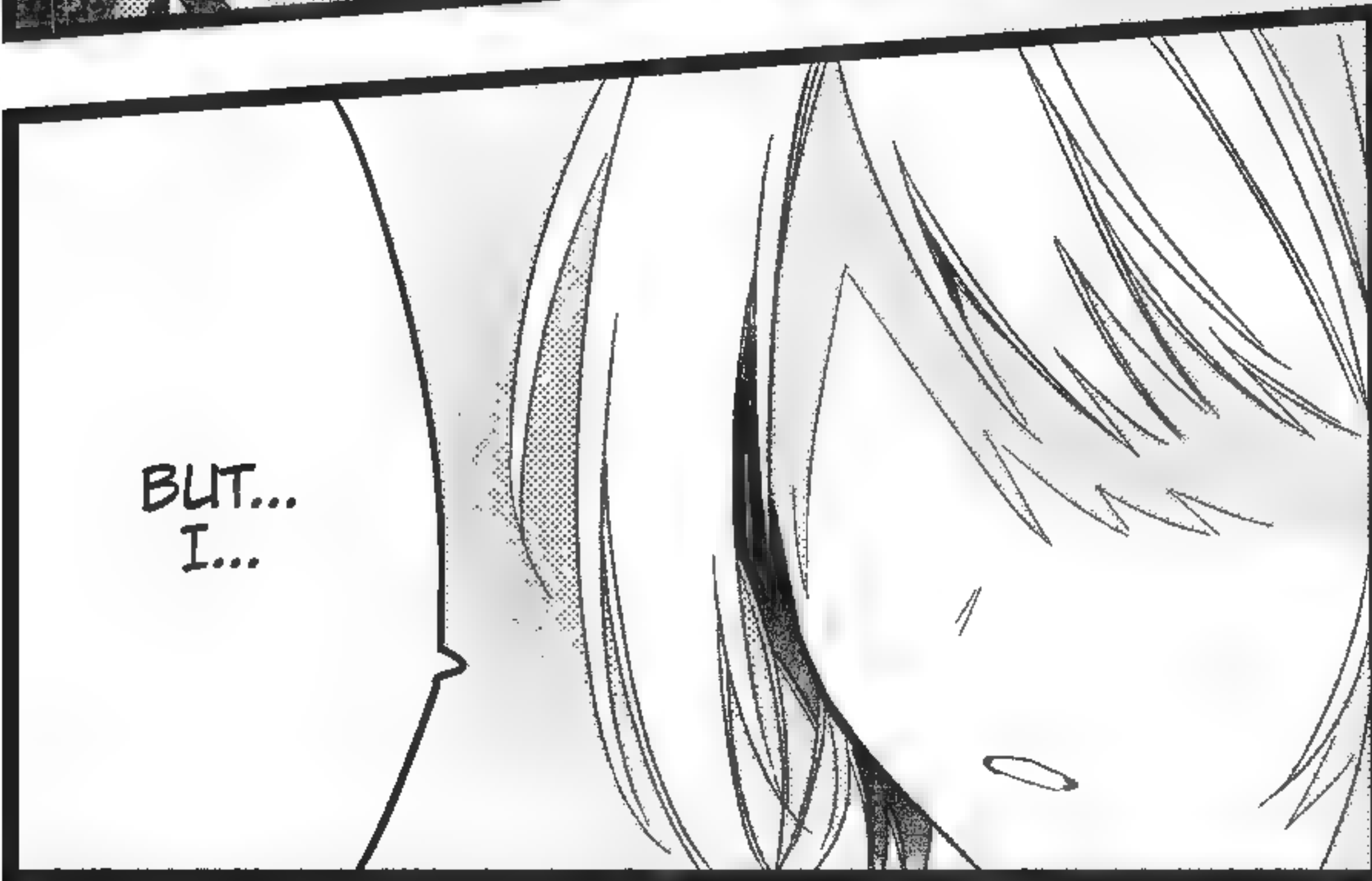
THAT'S  
WHY I  
WANTED  
YOUR  
INPUT...



YOU'VE  
CLEARLY  
PUT A LOT  
OF WORK  
INTO YOUR  
APPEAR-  
ANCE.

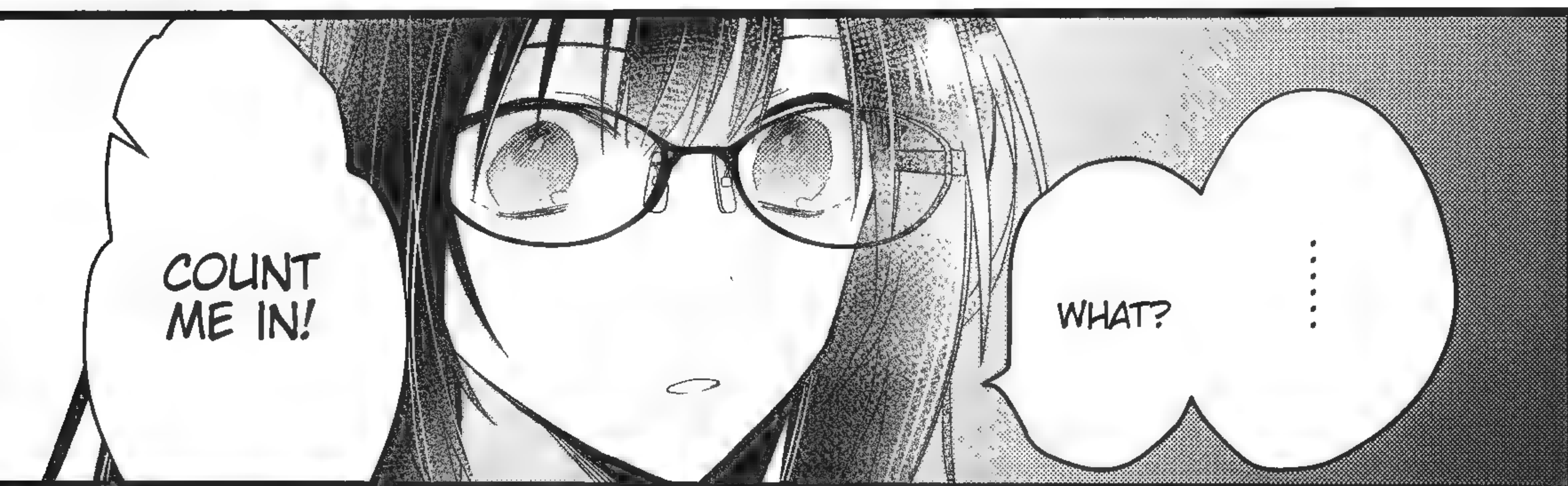


BUT...  
I...



I  
MEAN,  
YOU'VE  
CHANGED  
SO  
MUCH!









I KNOW  
YOU'LL  
MAKE A  
REALLY  
GOOD  
"GIRL-  
FRIEND"!



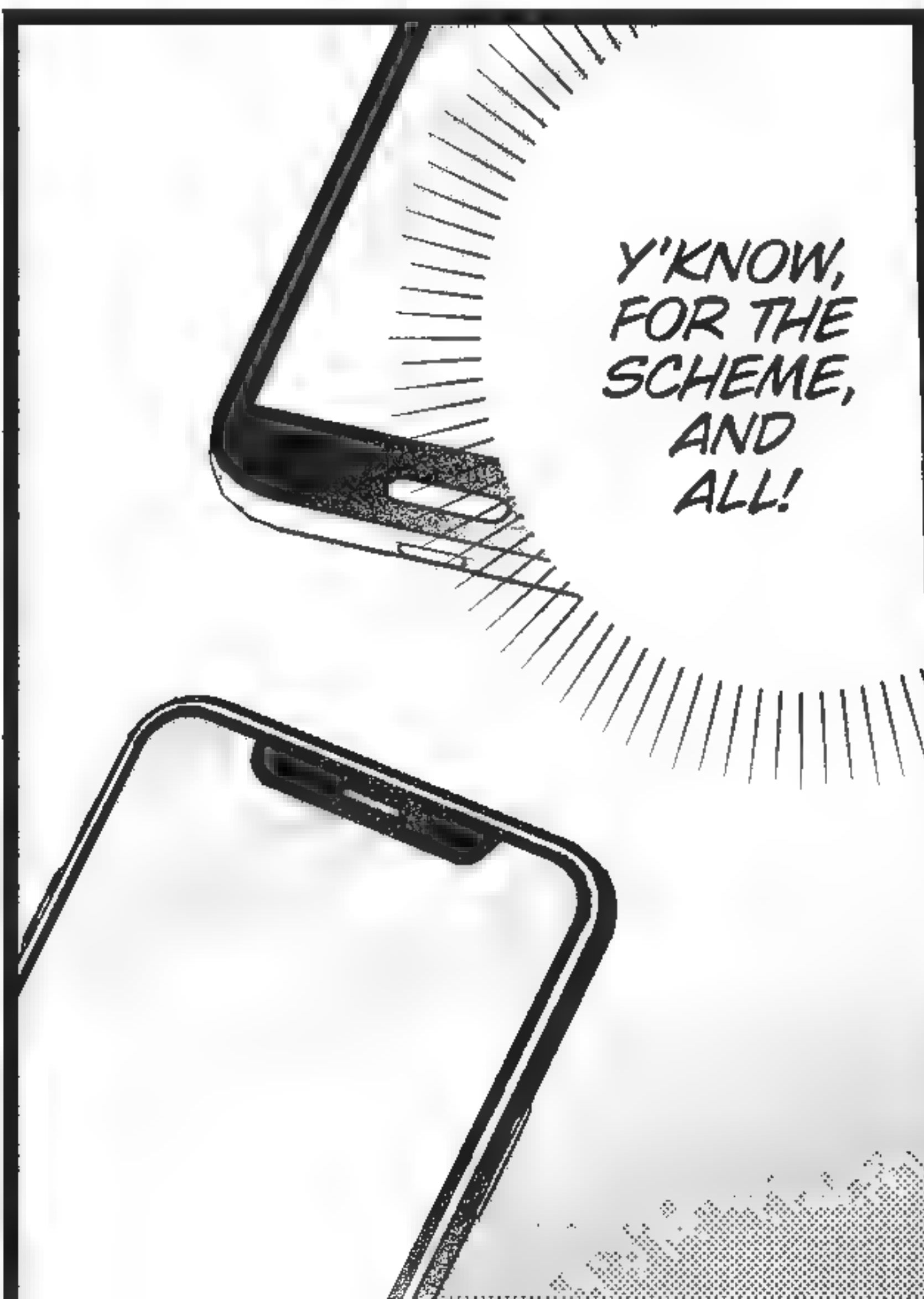
Oh,  
okay...

Let's  
trade  
phone  
numbers!

Wait!

WHY DO  
I SOUND  
SO LET  
DOWN?!

MORE  
IMPORTANTLY...



Y'KNOW,  
FOR THE  
SCHEME,  
AND  
ALL!



ANOTHER  
KISS... BUT  
ONLY ON THE  
CHEEK THIS  
TIME.

THA-THUMP

THA-THUMP

O-O-KAY...



~~~~~

TODAY  
WAS BRAIN-  
MELTINGLY  
SURREAL...



~~~~~

TALK  
ABOUT GIRL  
POWER...  
OR...BOY  
POWER...?



I MEAN,  
I WASN'T  
EXPECTING  
HIM TO KI...



WORSE,  
I JUST  
SORT OF  
AGREED  
TO IT  
WITHOUT  
THINKING.

I NEVER  
DREAMED I'D  
FAKE-DATE  
YUZUKI-KUN!

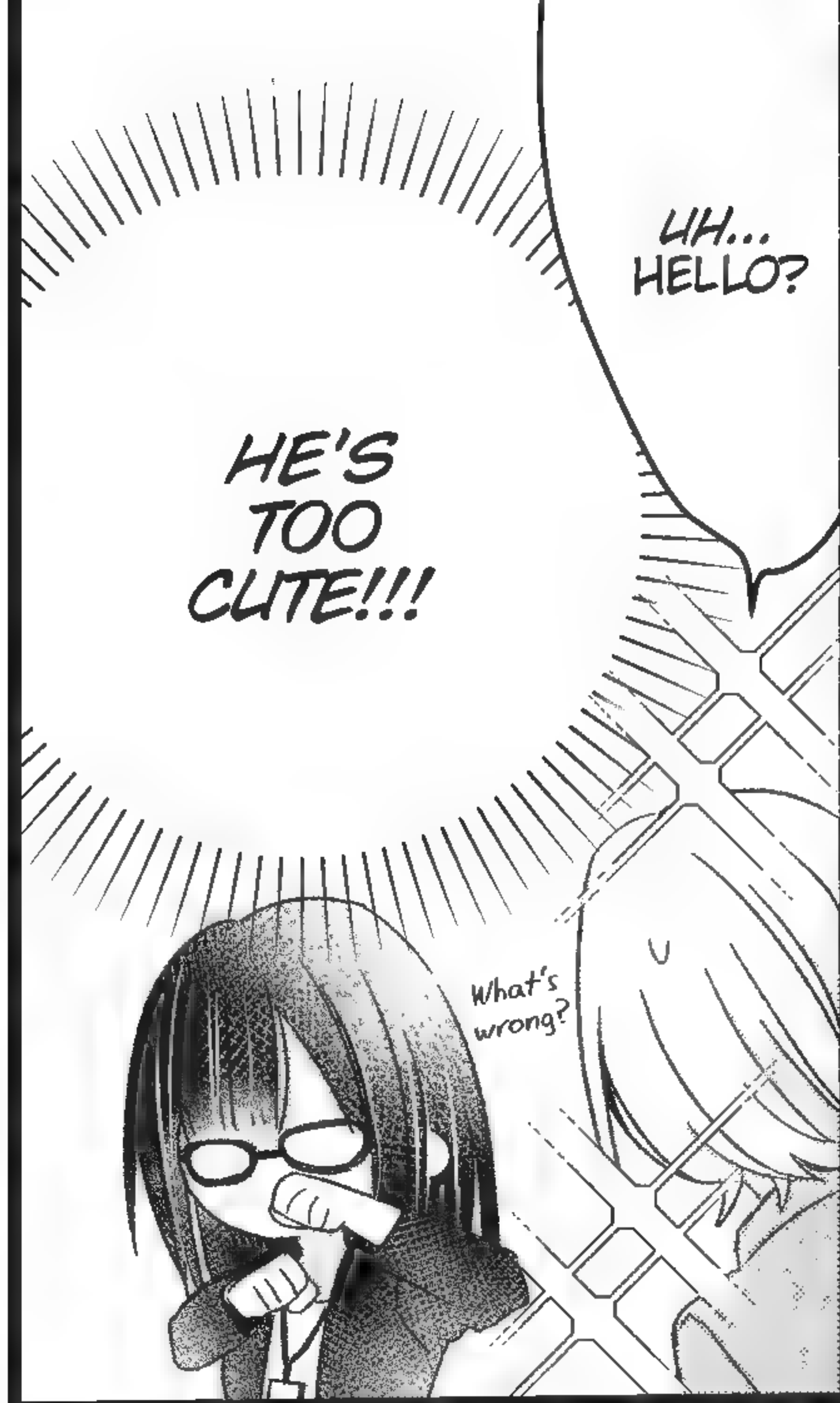
GOD,  
HOW AM I  
SUPPOSED  
TO ACT  
NORMAL  
AROUND HIM  
TOMORROW?!

BLUSH  
かたがは

GREAT,  
NOW I'M  
THINKING  
ABOUT IT  
AGAIN!















You  
suuuure?

YOU'RE  
OLD  
FRIENDS,  
RIGHT?  
JUST GO  
FOR IT!

N-NO,  
OF  
COURSE  
NOT!

WE  
WERE  
JUST...  
CATCHING  
UP,  
THAT'S  
ALL!

WHAT?



OH  
GOD...

HA  
HA  
HA...

A STEAMY  
REBOUND  
GETS  
ANYBODY  
OVER A  
NASTY  
BREAKUP!



I'M  
STARTING  
TO THINK  
YOU ASKED  
THE WRONG  
GIRL!

YUZUKI-  
KUN...

I CAN'T  
TELL HER  
I ALREADY  
AGREED TO  
BE HIS FAKE  
GIRLFRIEND!

...





IT'S  
GETTING  
LATE... I  
SHOULD  
HURRY  
HOME.

DONE  
AT  
LAST!

S  
T  
R  
E  
T  
C  
H



What'll I  
have for  
dinner...?

I'm so  
tired...



IS  
THAT  
YUZUKI-  
KUN?

WAIT A  
MINUTE.

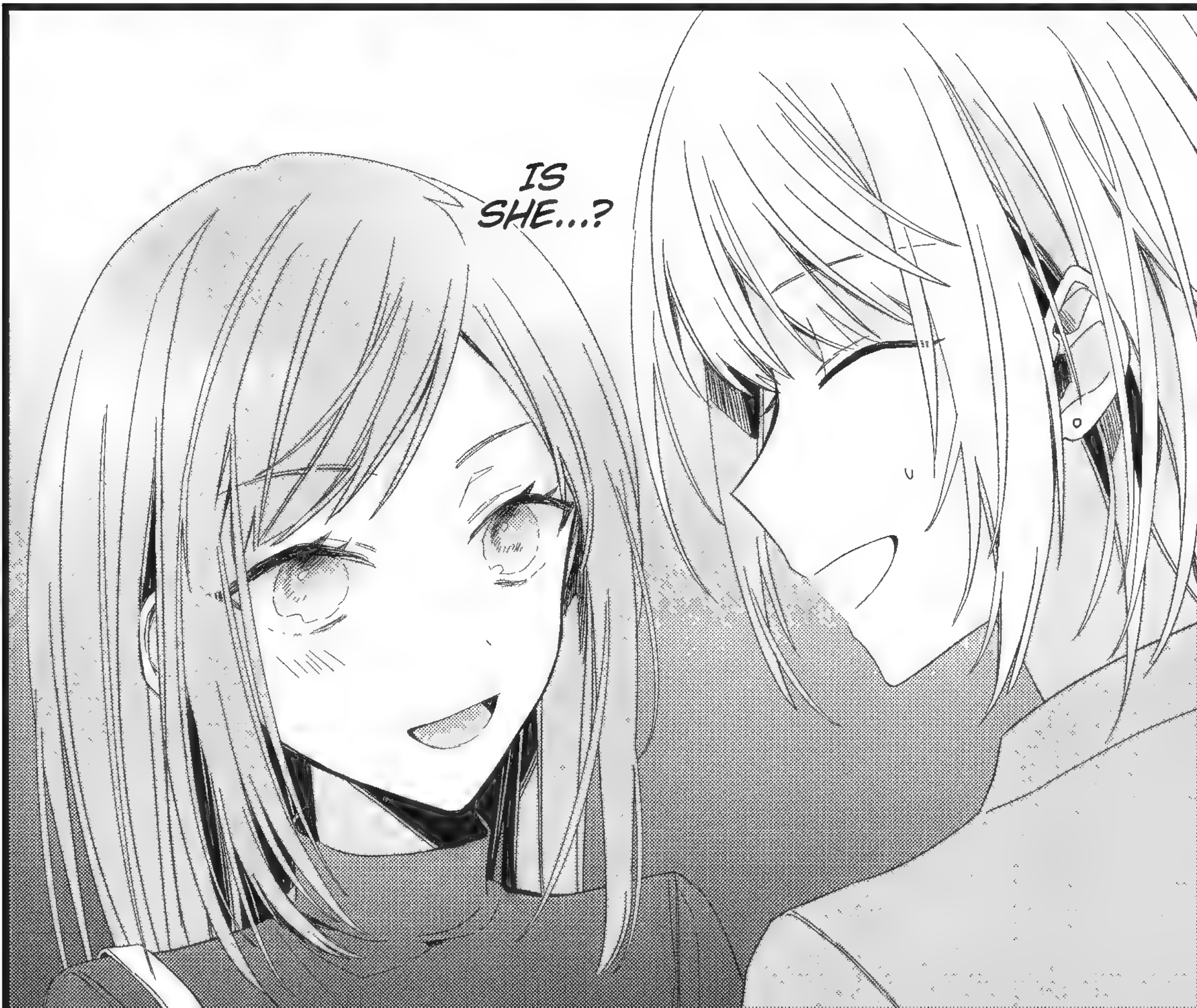






WAIT...

I DIDN'T  
KNOW  
HE WAS  
STILL AT  
THE  
OFFICE.



IS  
SHE...?





YUZUKI-KUN!  
SORRY  
FOR  
TAKING  
SO  
LONG!

UHHH...



I KNEW IT!  
ANOTHER  
WOMAN  
ASKING  
HIM OUT!

WANNA  
GRAB  
DRINKS  
THIS  
SATURDAY?



!



READY  
TO  
HEAD  
OUT?





WAIT  
FOR ME,  
KANNA-  
CHAN!

LET'S  
GO,  
YUZUKI-  
KUN!

DASH



WHAT?

SORRY,  
I'VE GOT  
PLANS WITH  
MY GIRL-  
FRIEND.

SEE  
YOU!



GIRL-  
FRIEND?

Did  
he  
say...

...



THAT'S  
FUNNY...

I  
THOUGHT  
NISHIMURA-  
SAN WAS  
DATING A  
GUY FROM  
SALES.





ARE  
YOU...  
OKAY?



THANKS,  
KANNA-  
CHAN.

UM...



IT'S  
JUST  
THAT...

SORRY...  
MAYBE IT'S  
NOT MY  
BUSINESS...



YOU  
LOOKED  
LIKE YOU  
WERE IN  
TROUBLE,  
AND...

I  
WANTED  
TO HELP  
YOU.

HAAH...





I  
KNEW  
IT!

THANKS  
FOR COMING  
THROUGH IN  
THE CLUTCH,  
KANNA-CHAN.

YEAH,  
I WAS  
REALLY IN  
A BIND  
BACK  
THERE.

SAY,  
LIM...

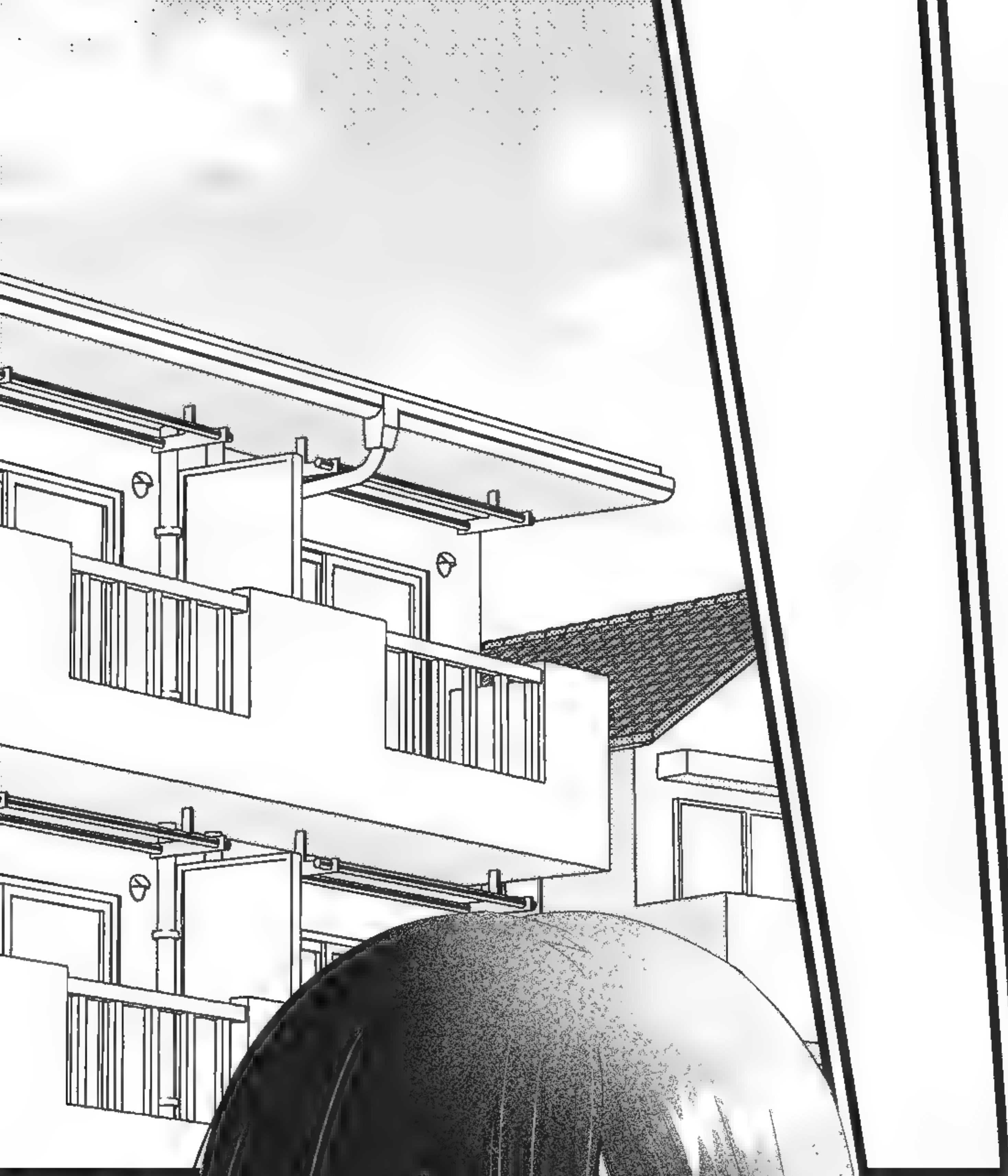
AFTER  
ALL  
THESE  
YEARS...

ARE  
YOU FREE  
TOMORROW?

YOU  
STILL  
HAVE  
TROUBLE  
SAYING  
NO TO  
PEOPLE,  
HUH?







I'LL  
GIVE YOU  
A CRASH  
COURSE IN  
FASHION.



THERE  
WE  
GO!





I'M  
ALL  
SET!

THE  
HOUSE  
IS SPOT-  
LESS.

NOW  
TO WAIT  
FOR  
YUZUKI-  
KUN!



You're  
too drab  
and ugly  
for me.

GAH!



STOP IT,  
BRAIN! I'M  
GOING TO  
FIX IT!

JUST  
LET IT GO  
ALREADY!!!



COME  
TO  
THINK  
OF IT...

I  
HAVEN'T  
INVITED  
ANYONE  
OVER  
SINCE  
KEISUKE.













SAY,  
I  
KNOW  
...

NONSENSE.  
EVERY-  
BODY HAS  
COLORS  
THAT SUIT  
THEM.



NOT  
REALLY.  
THEY'RE  
JUST  
SAFE,  
YOU  
KNOW?

I DON'T  
THINK  
I'D LOOK  
GOOD IN  
ANYTHING  
ELSE.



SO  
ARE THESE  
YOUR TWO  
FAVORITE  
COLORS,  
OR...?

H  
m  
m  
...



BUT TOO  
MUCH  
BLACK  
READS  
HEAVY.

THESE  
CLOTHES  
ARE FINE  
FOR THE  
WORK-  
PLACE...

IT'S  
REALLY  
THAT BAD,  
HUH?

LET'S GO  
SHOPPING  
SOMETIME.  
I'LL DRESS  
YOU UP!



ARE YOU  
WEARING  
ANY  
RIGHT  
NOW?

NO...



I TRY  
TO KEEP IT  
LIGHT AND  
NEUTRAL  
FOR WORK,  
BUT...

I DON'T  
THINK I'M  
DOING IT  
RIGHT...

Most times  
you can  
barely tell  
I tried...

AS FOR  
MAKEUP...  
I'VE GOT  
THE  
BASICS.





WHAT?

ANOTHER  
QUESTION:  
THOSE  
GLASSES  
ARE FAKE,  
AREN'T  
THEY?

FLINCH

SHH

I'D  
FEEL  
NAKED  
WITHOUT  
THEM  
NOW!

IT'S TRUE  
THAT I DON'T  
REALLY NEED  
THEM, BUT I  
WEAR THEM  
ANYWAY.

BUT  
THAT WAS  
BACK IN  
JUNIOR  
HIGH.

I REMEM-  
BER YOU  
TELLING ME  
YOU DON'T  
ACTUALLY  
NEED THEM.

H-HOW  
DID YOU  
KNOW?!



YOUR  
FACE  
IS TOO  
PRETTY  
TO  
HIDE.



STILL,  
LET'S  
SEE YOU  
WITHOUT  
THEM.

JUST  
TRUST  
ME...





NOW  
SHOW  
ME  
SOME  
CONFIDENCE!

HOLD  
THAT  
HEAD  
UP  
HIGH!



AAH!

YOINK

GIMME  
THAT!



HE'S  
REALLY  
DISHING  
OUT THE  
COMPLIMENTS...

I CAN'T EVEN  
LOOK HIM IN  
THE EYE!



UM...

THIS IS  
KIND OF  
A LOT  
FOR  
ME...

RELAX!  
YOU  
LOOK  
GREAT!

NOW  
FOR THE  
MAKEUP...

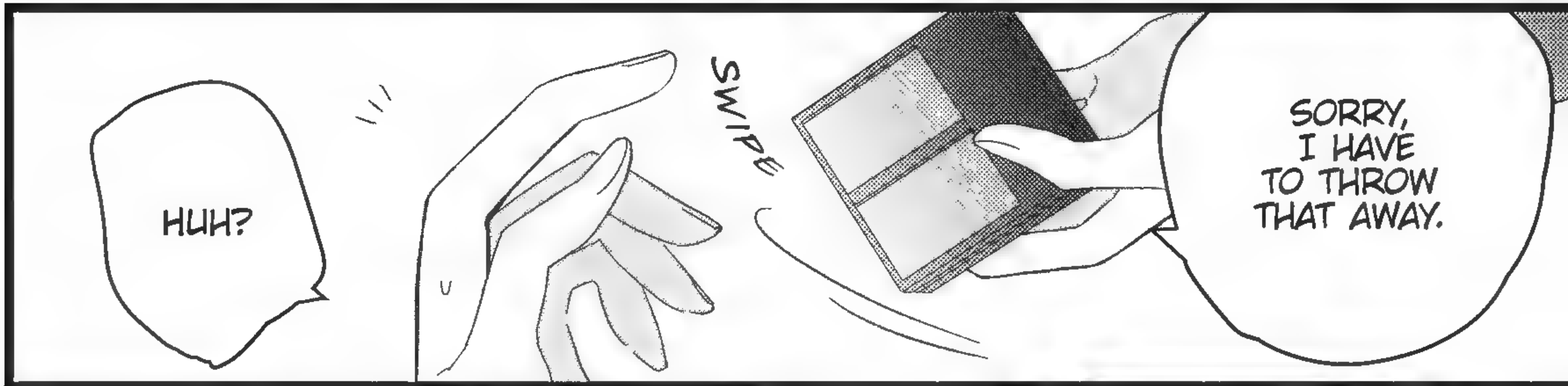




OH  
NO.



THIS  
IS YOUR  
USUAL  
EYESHADOW,  
RIGHT?



HUH?

SWIPE

SORRY,  
I HAVE  
TO THROW  
THAT AWAY.



IT WAS A  
BIRTHDAY  
PRESENT.  
HE SAID HE  
WANTED  
ME TO  
WEAR IT.

AT THE  
TIME, I  
THOUGHT  
IT WAS A  
SWEET  
GESTURE,  
BUT...



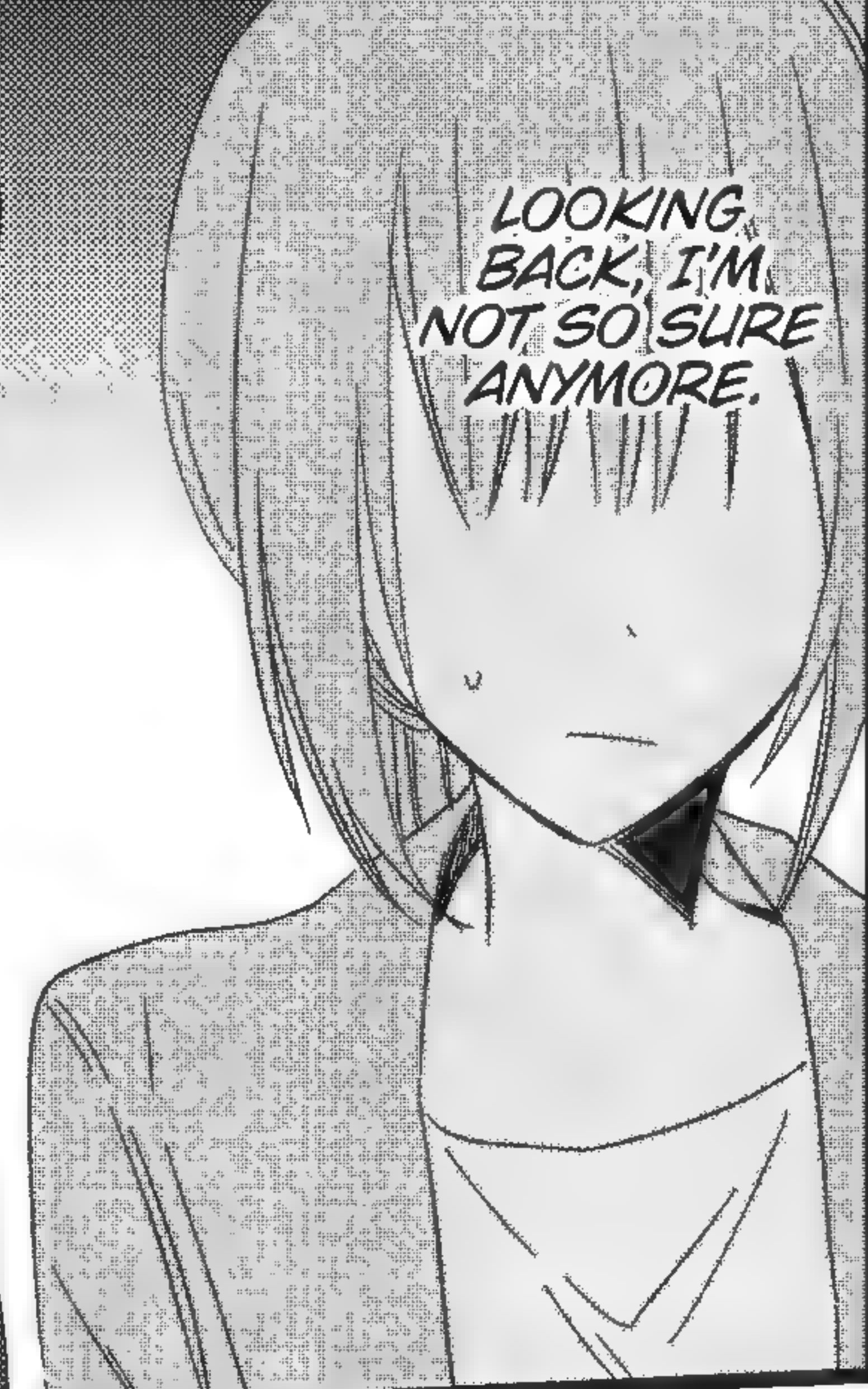
IT'S AN  
OLD GIFT  
FROM  
MY EX.

Ha  
ha  
ha...





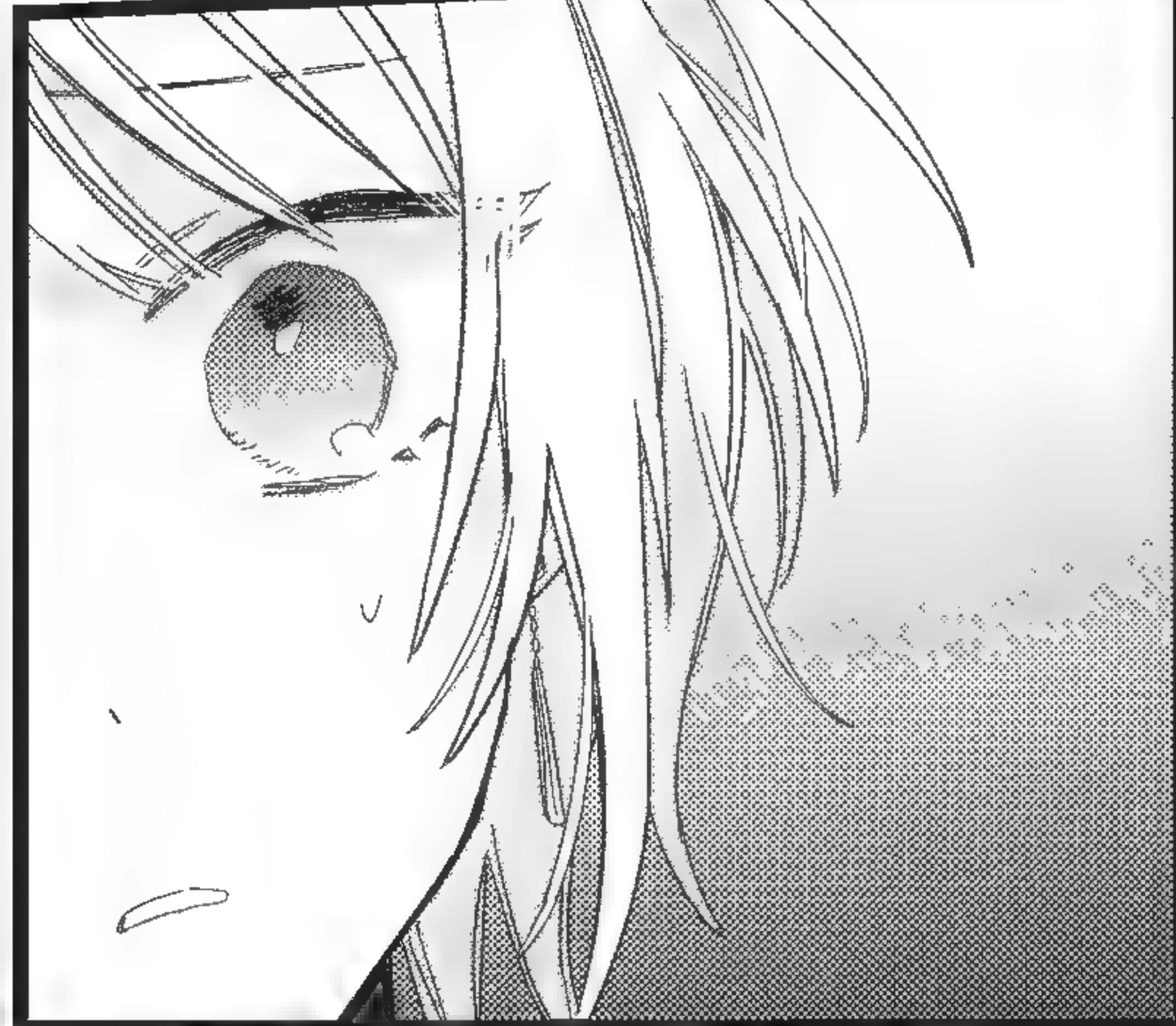
KANNA-  
CHAN...



LOOKING  
BACK, I'M  
NOT SO SURE  
ANYMORE.



I BET  
THAT  
STILL  
STINGS.



WANT ME  
TO MAKE  
YOU FEEL  
BETTER?













FOR  
RIGHT NOW,  
JUST FOCUS  
ON ME.



AND  
LET ME  
KNOW  
IF YOU  
WANT TO  
STOP.

WHY  
DO YOU  
LOOK  
SO  
SAD?



YUZUKI-KUN...



FLINCH

AAH!





DID HE  
JUST...

SNAP

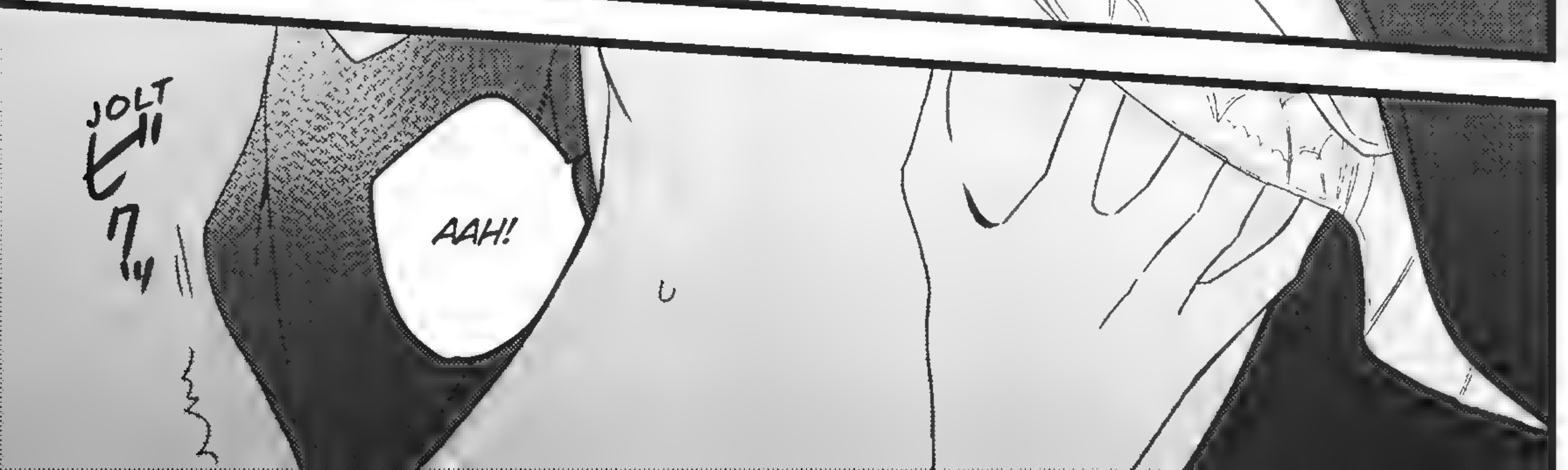


Y-YUZUKI-  
KUN!  
SLOW  
DOWN...

AAH!



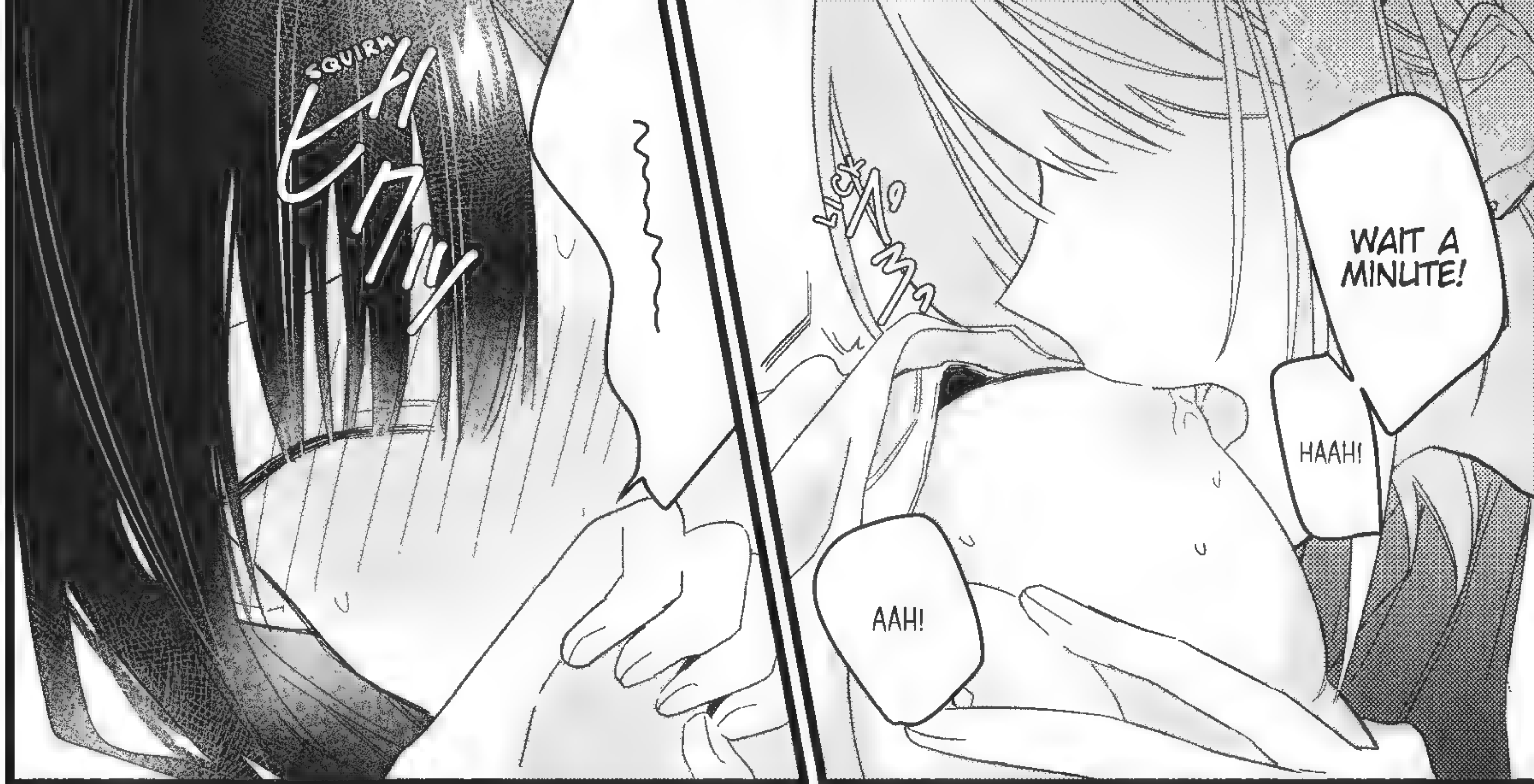
UNHOOK  
MY BRA?!



AAH!

JOLT  
7/14













I'M...  
SORRY...



EVEN  
THOUGH  
WE'RE  
NOT  
REALLY  
DATING...

I DIDN'T  
STOP  
HIM.

BECAUSE I...  
WANTED IT...?



I Want You  
to Make Me Beautiful



I Want You  
to Make Me Beautiful





I'M SO  
SORRY...!

UH...

WHA...?

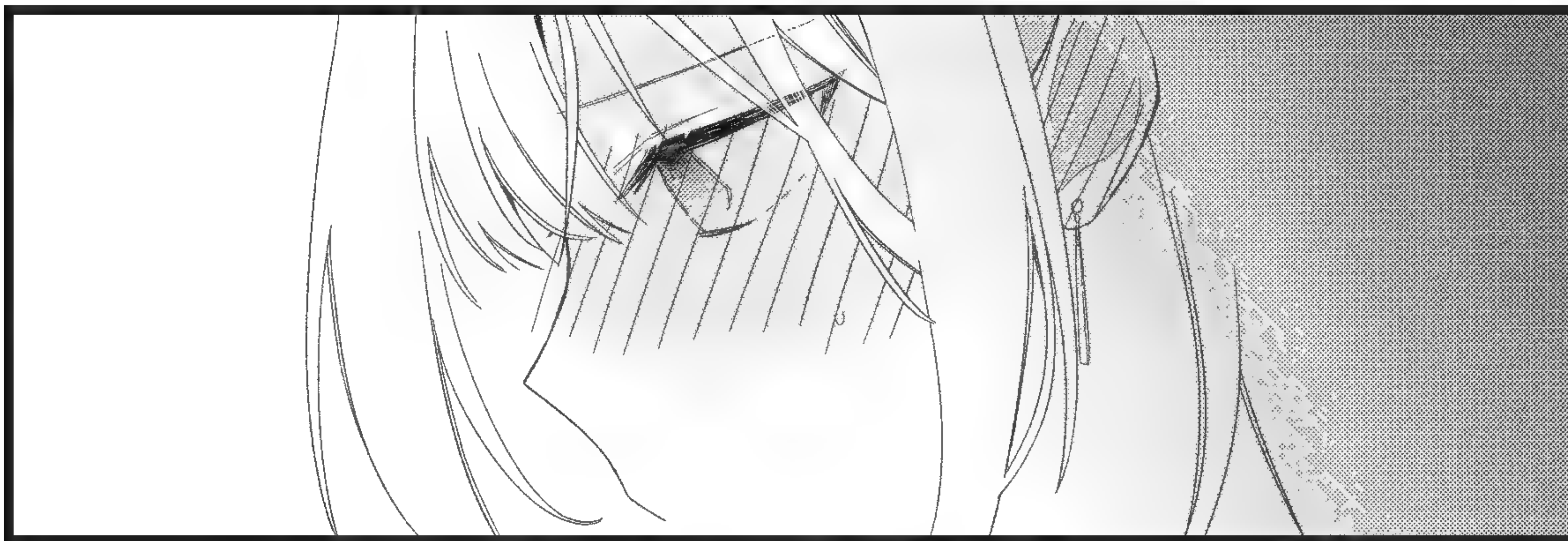












I HAVE  
FEELINGS  
FOR YOU.











WOW...

YUZUKI-KUN HAS  
FEELINGS  
FOR ME?

IS  
THIS  
REAL  
LIFE?



LIKE  
THAT KISS...  
AND ALL THE  
PHYSICAL  
CONTACT...

I FIGURED  
IT WAS JUST  
HOW HE  
SHOWED  
AFFECTION...



WELL,  
IT DOES  
EXPLAIN  
A FEW  
THINGS.



HE SEEMED  
SO DIFFERENT  
JUST NOW...



THE  
QUESTION  
IS, HOW  
DO I FEEL  
ABOUT  
HIM?



MY  
SKIN IS  
STILL  
ON  
FIRE.



IT'S  
BURNED  
INTO MY  
MIND...







I'LL  
GIVE  
HIM  
THAT!

WELL,  
AT LEAST  
I'M NOT  
THINKING  
ABOUT  
MY EX  
ANYMORE!



.....

HE PROBABLY FEELS  
SUPER AWKWARD  
ABOUT IT NOW...

BUT I DIDN'T  
KNOW HOW  
TO RESPOND.

HIS CONFESSION  
WAS FLATTERING,  
OF COURSE...



TAP



I  
KNOW!













O-O-KAY!

SMACK

NOW  
LET'S GET  
SHOPPING!  
I'M COUNTING  
ON YOUR  
ADVICE,  
EXPERT!

THAT'S  
OLD  
NEWS!  
WATER  
UNDER  
THE  
BRIDGE!

I KNEW  
HE'D BE  
WORRIED  
ABOUT  
IT!

Actually...

What?!  
B-BUT...



FOR  
STARTERS,  
DON'T  
BUY YOUR  
CLOTHES AT  
A GLANCE.

ALWAYS  
TRY THINGS  
ON FIRST.  
DOES IT FIT?  
DOES IT  
FLATTER?





BY THE WAY...  
I NOTICE  
YOU'RE NOT  
WEARING  
YOUR  
GLASSES.



Makes  
sense...

FOR YOU,  
I SUGGEST  
INCORPO-  
RATING  
MORE OF  
THIS COLOR  
INTO YOUR  
OUTFITS.

IT'LL HELP  
BRIGHTEN  
UP YOUR  
WARDROBE!



R-RIGHT.

S-SORRY.  
FORGET  
IT. JUST  
MY TWO  
CENTS.



AFTER  
WHAT  
HAPPENED  
YESTERDAY  
...

THIS  
AWKWARD  
TENSION  
WAS  
PROBABLY  
INEVITABLE.



YOU'RE  
CUTE  
EITHER  
WAY, BUT  
I REALLY  
DO LIKE  
THIS  
LOOK.



YOUR  
FRIEND  
IS SO  
PRETTY!

SHE  
LOOKS  
LIKE A  
MODEL!

Y-YEAH,  
HA HA...

I'LL  
LET YOU  
KNOW  
WHEN  
IT'S  
NEARLY  
OVER!

OKAY,  
I'LL KILL  
TIME  
SOME-  
WHERE  
UNTIL  
YOU'RE  
DONE.

NOW THAT  
HE'S TOLD  
ME HOW HE  
FEELS...

WHERE  
EXACTLY  
DOES HE  
WANT US  
TO GO?

SO,  
WHAT  
ARE WE  
DOING  
TODAY?

UHM...

MY  
"FRIEND,"  
HUH...









R-  
REALLY?

YOU LOOK  
STUNNING!

I'M  
SERI-  
OUS!

WOW.

IT'S  
LIKE I'M  
A WHOLE  
NEW  
PERSON.

I SAW  
IT FOR  
MYSELF  
IN THE  
MIRROR  
A FEW  
MINUTES  
AGO, BUT  
STILL...

YEAH!

LET'S  
GO!

SPARKLE

NOW THAT  
WE'VE GOT  
YOU LOOKING  
SNATCHED,  
WANNA WALK  
AROUND  
TOWN?





FROM AN  
OUTSIDER'S  
PERSPECTIVE...

A black and white manga panel showing two young women standing side-by-side. The woman on the left has short, straight hair and is wearing a dark choker and a necklace. The woman on the right has long, flowing hair and is wearing a light-colored top with a bow at the neck. They are both looking towards the right with slight smiles.



WE LOOK  
LIKE TWO  
WOMEN.

A black and white manga panel showing a close-up of a young woman with long, flowing hair. She is looking down with a slight smile, her eyes partially closed. The background is a textured, stippled grey.



JUST TWO  
NORMAL  
FRIENDS.

A black and white manga panel showing a close-up of a young woman with long, flowing hair. She is looking down with a slight smile, her eyes partially closed. The background is a textured, stippled grey.





WHAT  
AM I  
SUP-  
POSED  
TO DO?

BUT I STILL  
REMEMBER  
THE RAW  
HEAT I FELT  
YESTERDAY.

I CAN'T  
SEE HIM AS  
A FRIEND  
ANYMORE...





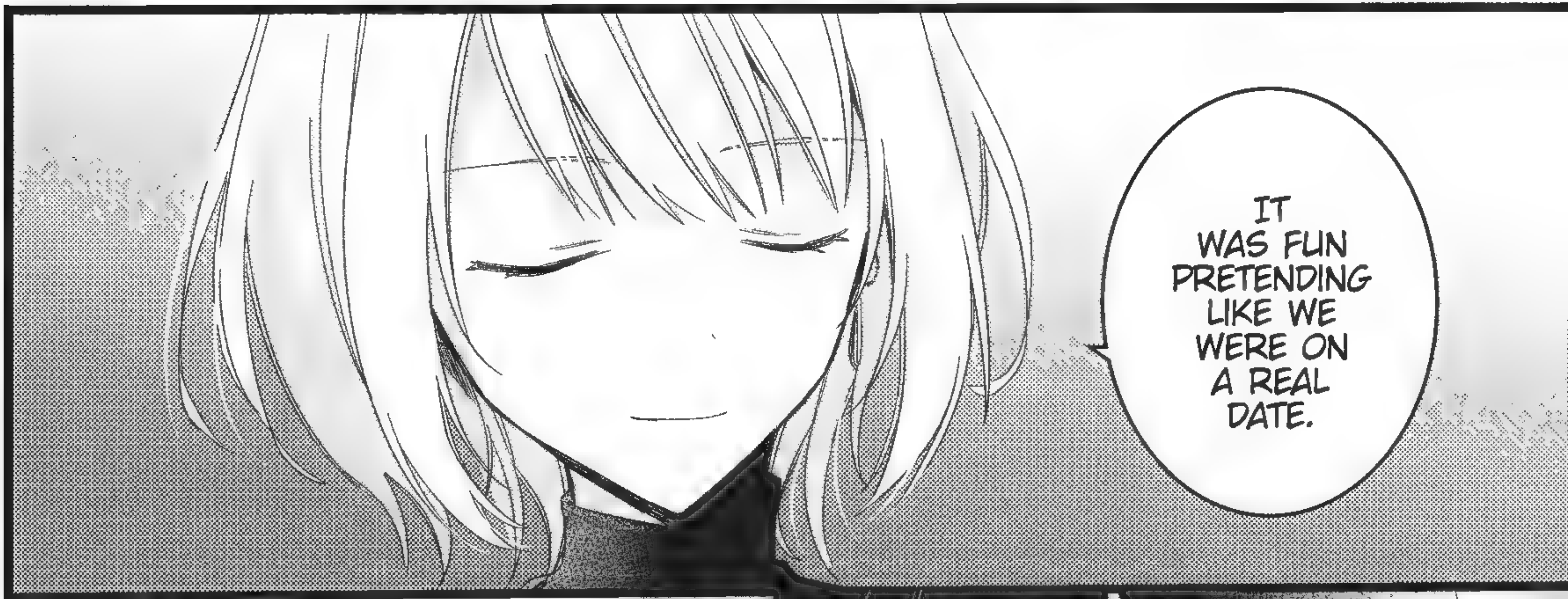


NO NEED!  
I'M THE  
ONE WHO  
SUGGESTED  
WE GO  
SHOPPING,  
AFTER  
ALL.

THANKS  
FOR  
WALKING  
ME  
HOME.

AND  
BESIDES...

ARE  
YOU SURE  
YOU DON'T  
WANT ME  
TO PAY  
YOU  
BACK?



IT  
WAS FUN  
PRETENDING  
LIKE WE  
WERE ON  
A REAL  
DATE.



WAIT!

CREAK...  
#  
T  
///

WELL,  
SEE  
YA...

...!



THA-  
THUMP





UH...

YOU SAID YOU HAVE FEELINGS FOR ME.

THA-THUMP



THROB

I WANT TO KNOW...

THROB

WHEN DID IT START?

EXACTLY HOW HE FEELS!

THROB



GRAB

AND, UM...

WAS THAT ALL YOU WANTED?



DON'T GO!

THIS CONVERSATION ISN'T OVER YET!



YOU  
JUST  
WANTED  
ME TO  
KNOW?

GOD,  
WHAT AM  
I SAYING?

は  
GASPI?

KTUNK  
は  
は  
は

NO  
SHIT!

ARE  
YOU  
ASKING  
ME...

IF I'M  
INTERESTED  
IN DATING  
YOU FOR  
REAL?

I  
MEAN...  
UH...









I  
WANTED  
YOU.



RIGHT  
THEN.  
RIGHT  
THERE.

you  
THA-  
THUMP



FROM  
THE DAY WE  
REUNITED...



MMPH!

sleh...

FLINCH

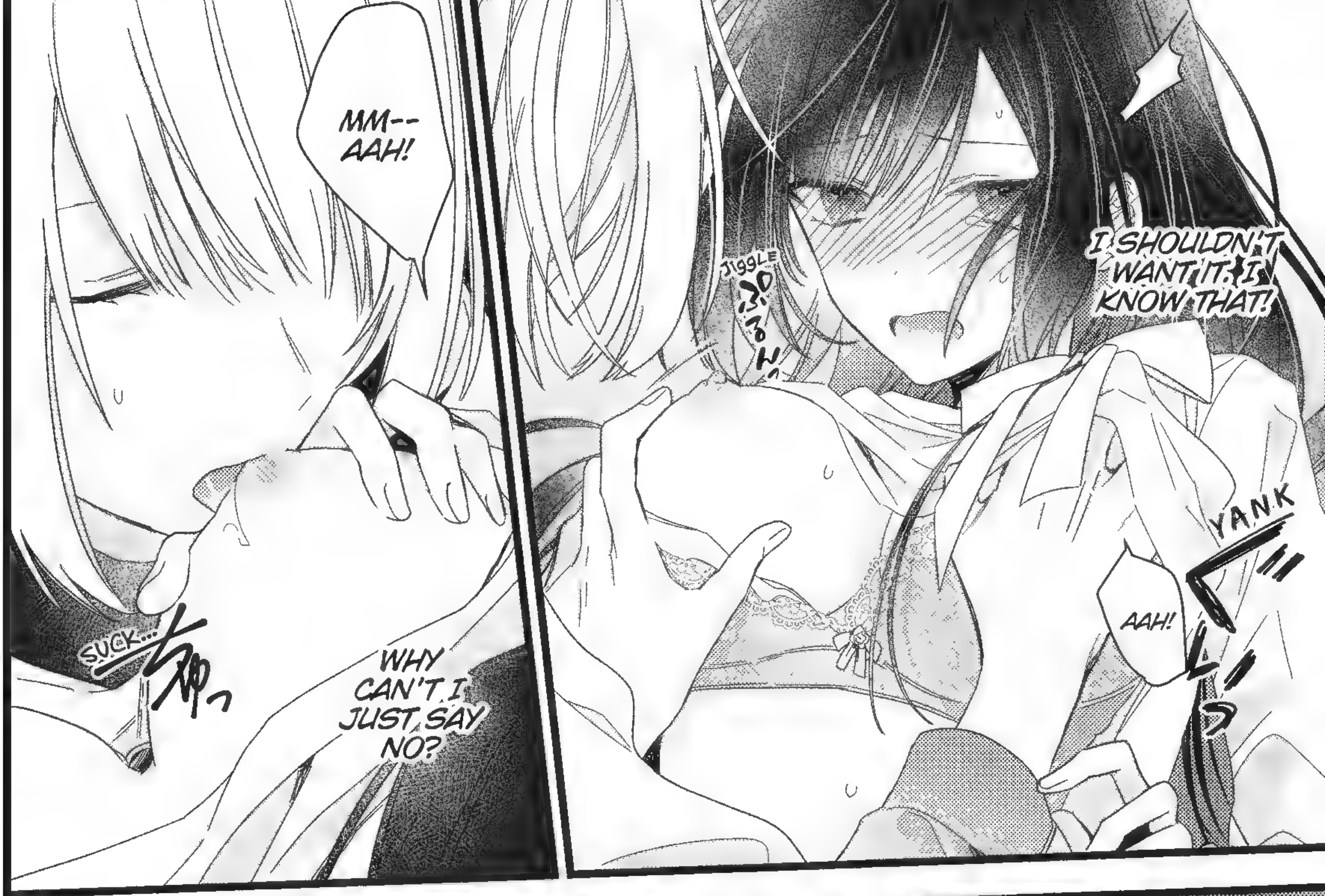
MMH!

....!









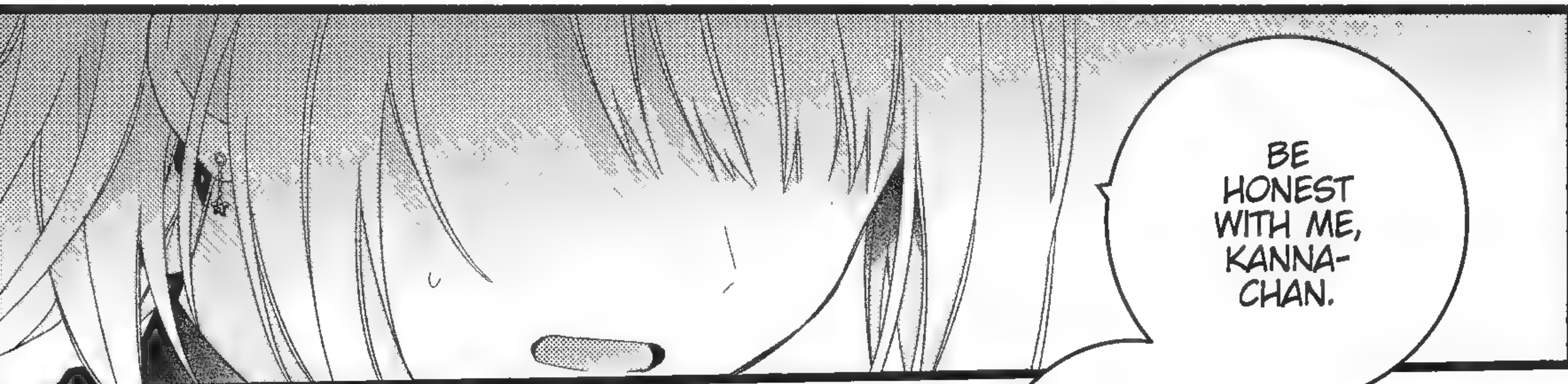
















I'M REALLY  
FLATTERED  
THAT YOU  
FEEL THIS  
WAY ABOUT  
ME...

BUT  
I HAVEN'T  
FIGURED  
OUT IF I  
FEEL THE  
SAME.




SO  
YOU'RE  
SAYING  
THERE'S A  
CHANCE...?



I DON'T  
KNOW.





MAYBE  
THE  
REASON  
I CAN'T  
DECIDE...

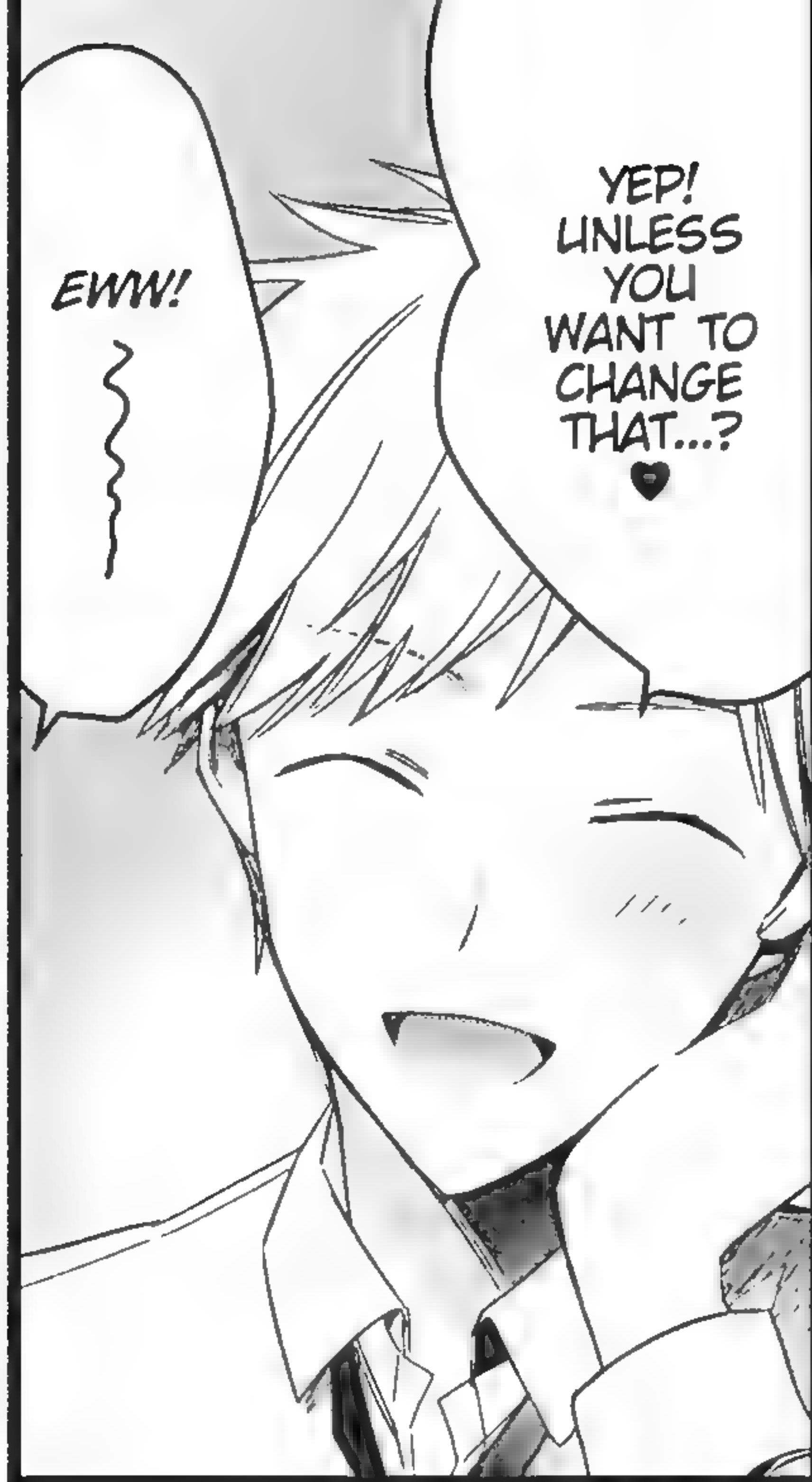
YEAH.

IS BECAUSE...

I'M  
STILL NOT  
OVER  
KEISUKE.

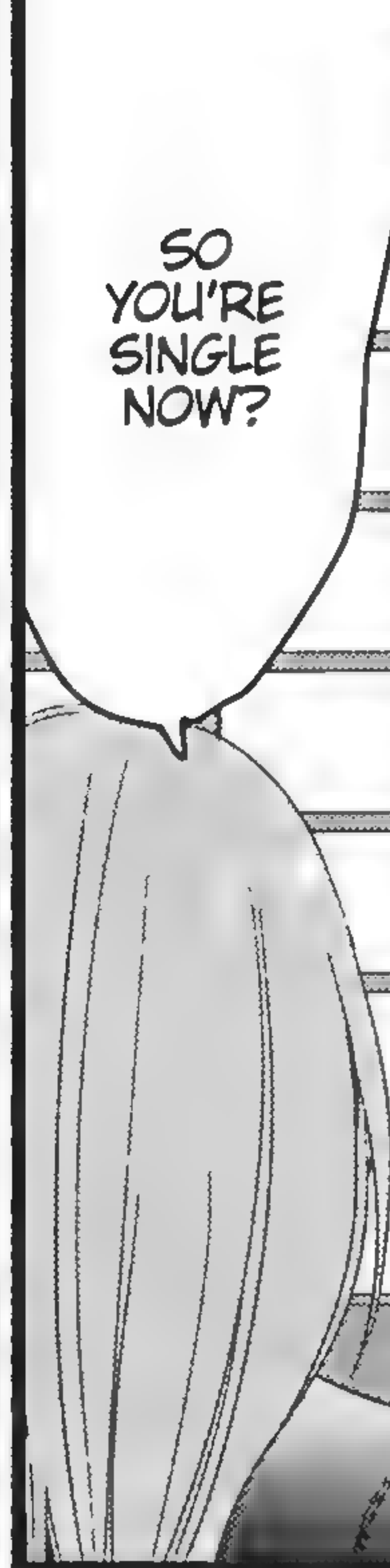
WHAT?!  
YOU  
BROKE  
UP?!





EWW!

YEP!  
UNLESS  
YOU  
WANT TO  
CHANGE  
THAT...?



SO  
YOU'RE  
SINGLE  
NOW?



YEAH,  
WE JUST  
WEREN'T  
A GOOD  
FIT.



SORRY,  
HARD  
PASS!

I'VE  
GOT MY  
EYE ON  
SOMEONE  
ELSE!



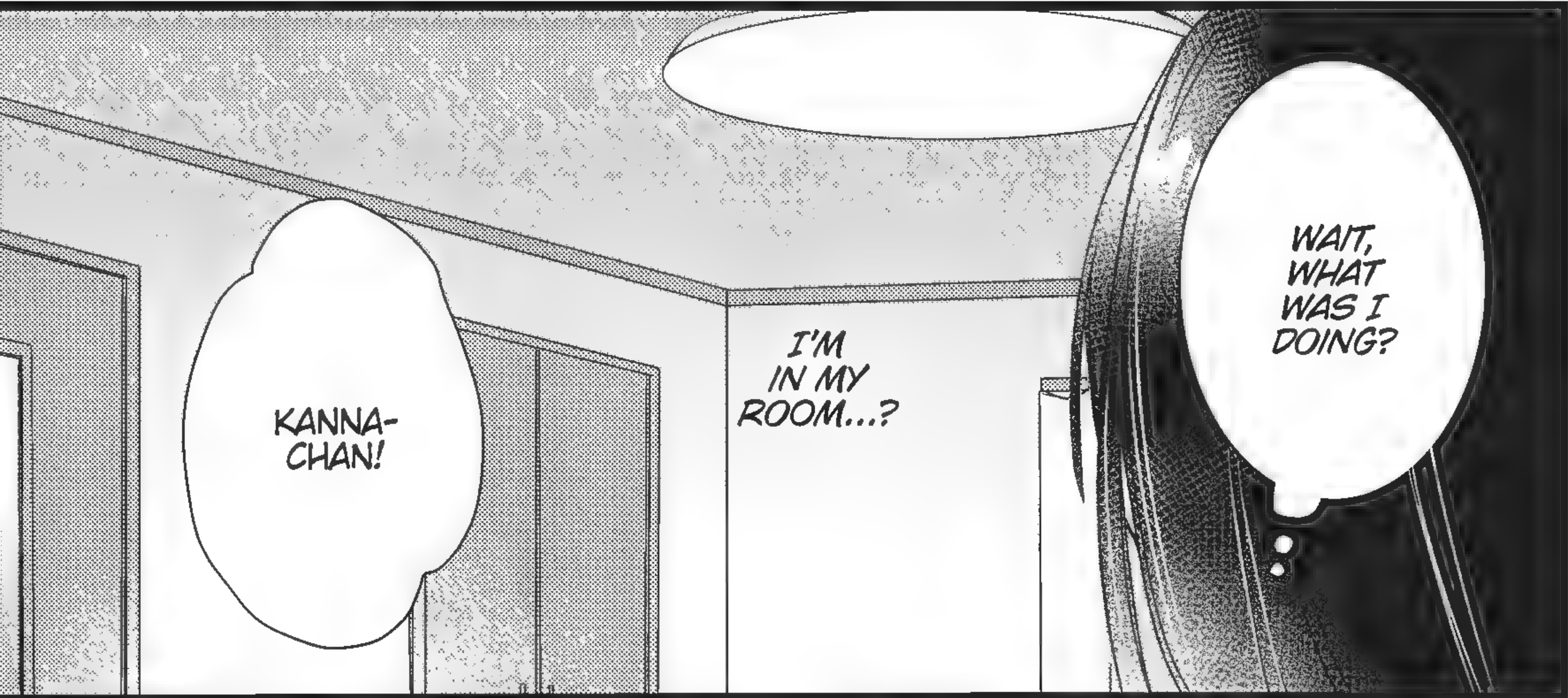
I Want You  
to Make Me Beautiful



I Want You  
to Make Me Beautiful



Bonus Story 1 (Chapter 2.5)











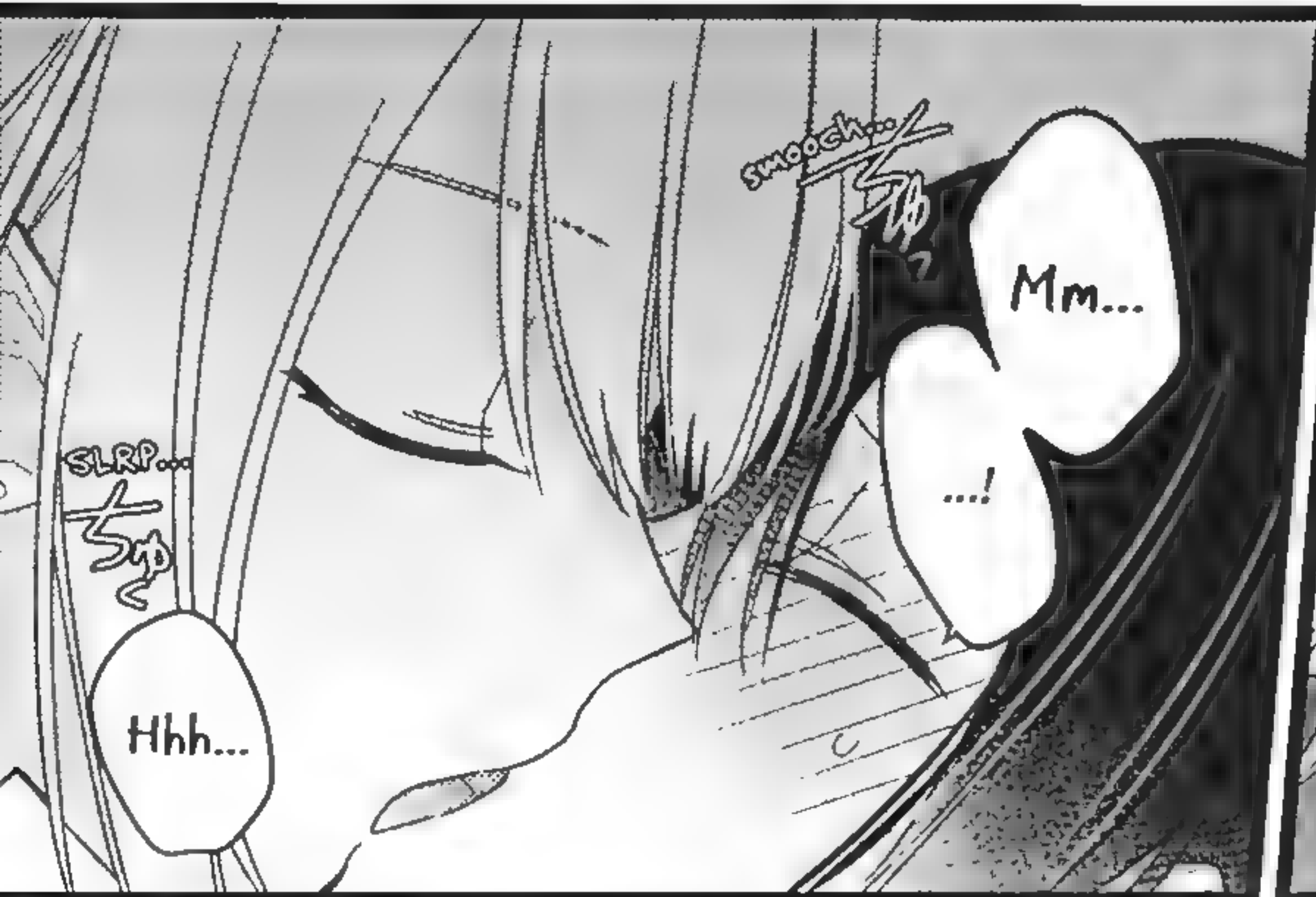
WHAT'S  
THAT  
SUPPOSED  
TO MEAN?!

WHAT?



I'M  
GOING TO  
MAKE YOU  
BEAUTIFUL.

SMILE  
lick



snooch...

Mm...

...!

SLRP...

Hhh...



SLOW  
DOWN!  
HOW  
DID WE  
GET  
HERE?!



FLUMP

WHY  
IS THIS  
HAPPEN-  
ING?!

WAIT...





YOU  
DRIVE  
ME  
WILD...

FLINCH!!



SQUEEZE

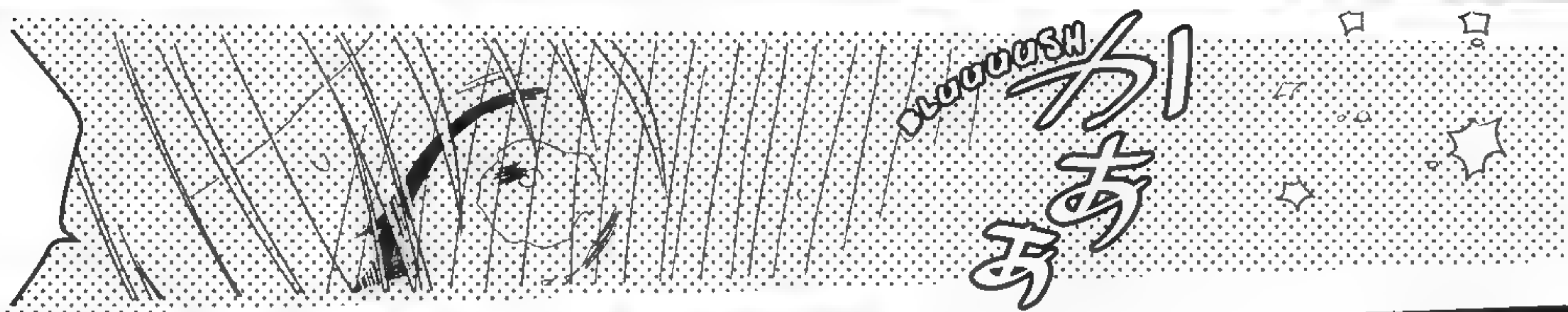
I'M  
DONE  
WAIT-  
ING.

Haah!

Mmh!



I  
CAN'T  
HELP  
MYSELF.



...!

あ  
あ  
あ



GASP!

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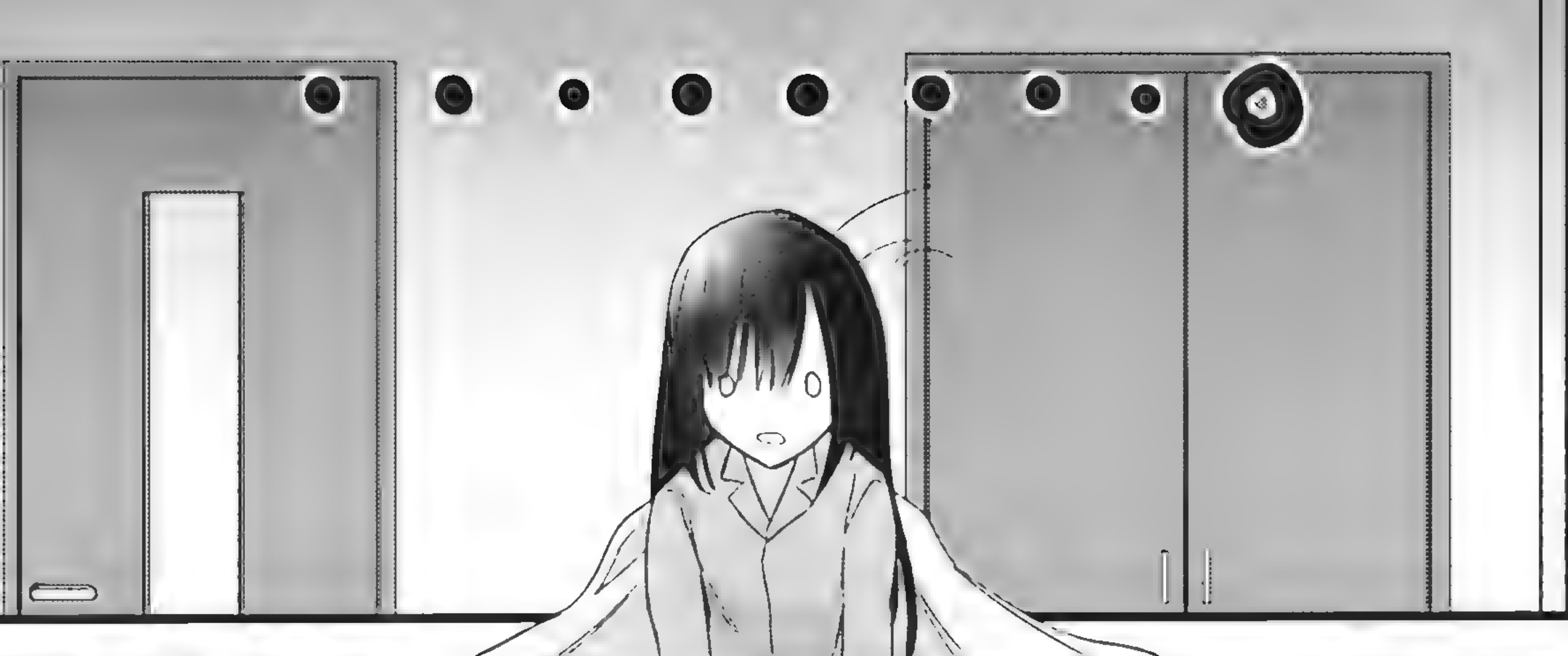


WHIP  
は

Time  
out!!

YUZUKI-  
KUN!





IN THE END, I WENT TO WORK SLEEP-DEPRIVED THAT DAY.

END





Bonus Story 2  
(Chapter 3)















GOOD GRIEF.

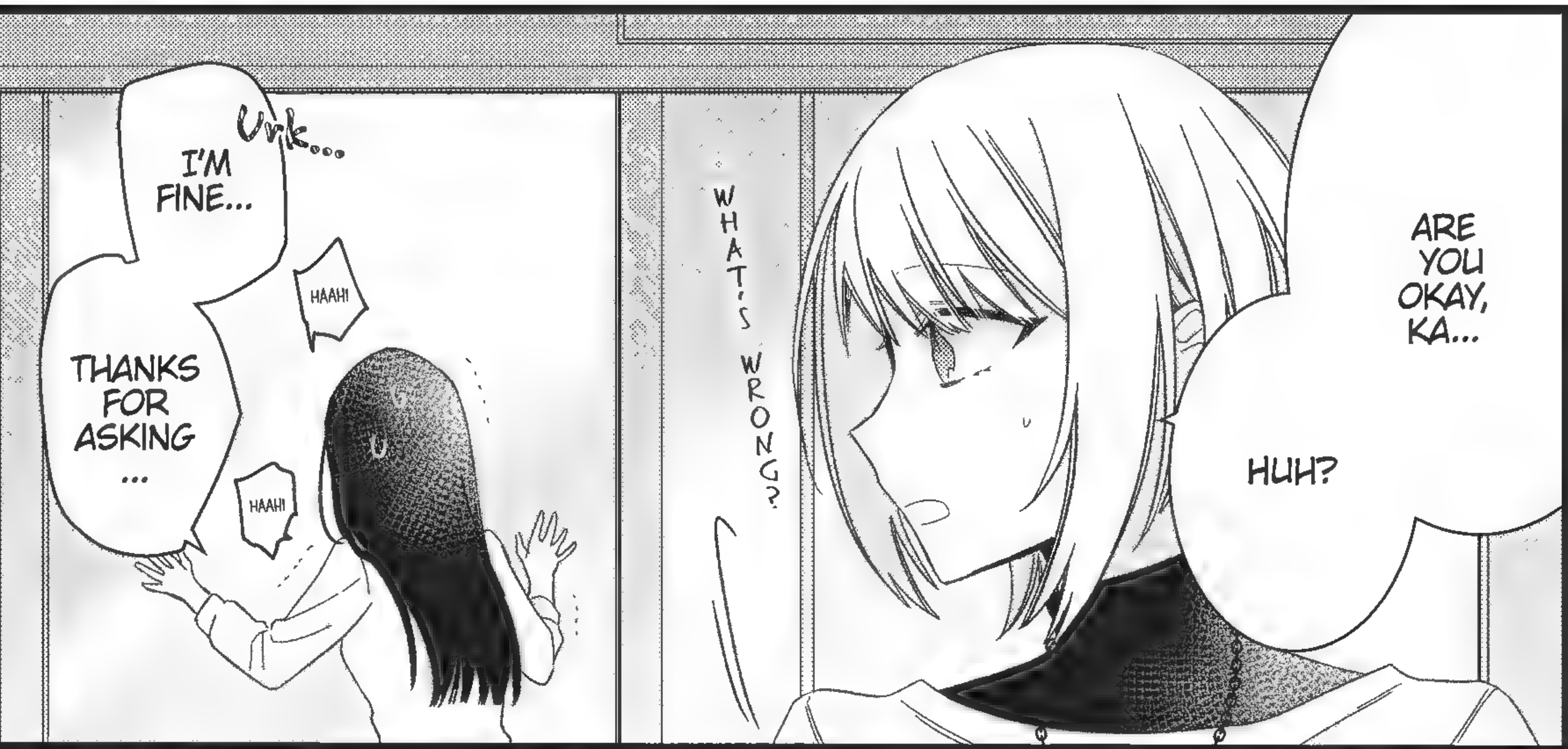
SIGH

RUSH

はあ

For real...?

A man?!



I'M FINE...

Urk...

HAAHI

THANKS FOR ASKING ...

HAAHI

WHAT'S WRONG

ARE YOU OKAY, KA...

HUH?



I COULDN'T LOOK HIM IN THE EYE FOR HOURS AFTER THAT...

SOME-TIMES I FORGET THERE'S A HUNKY GUY BEHIND THAT PRETTY FACE!

My heart can't take it!

AAAAA

?

TH-THUMP

TH-THUMP

TH-THUMP

THAT WAS SO HOT!!!

TH-THUMP



I Want You  
to Make Me Beautiful

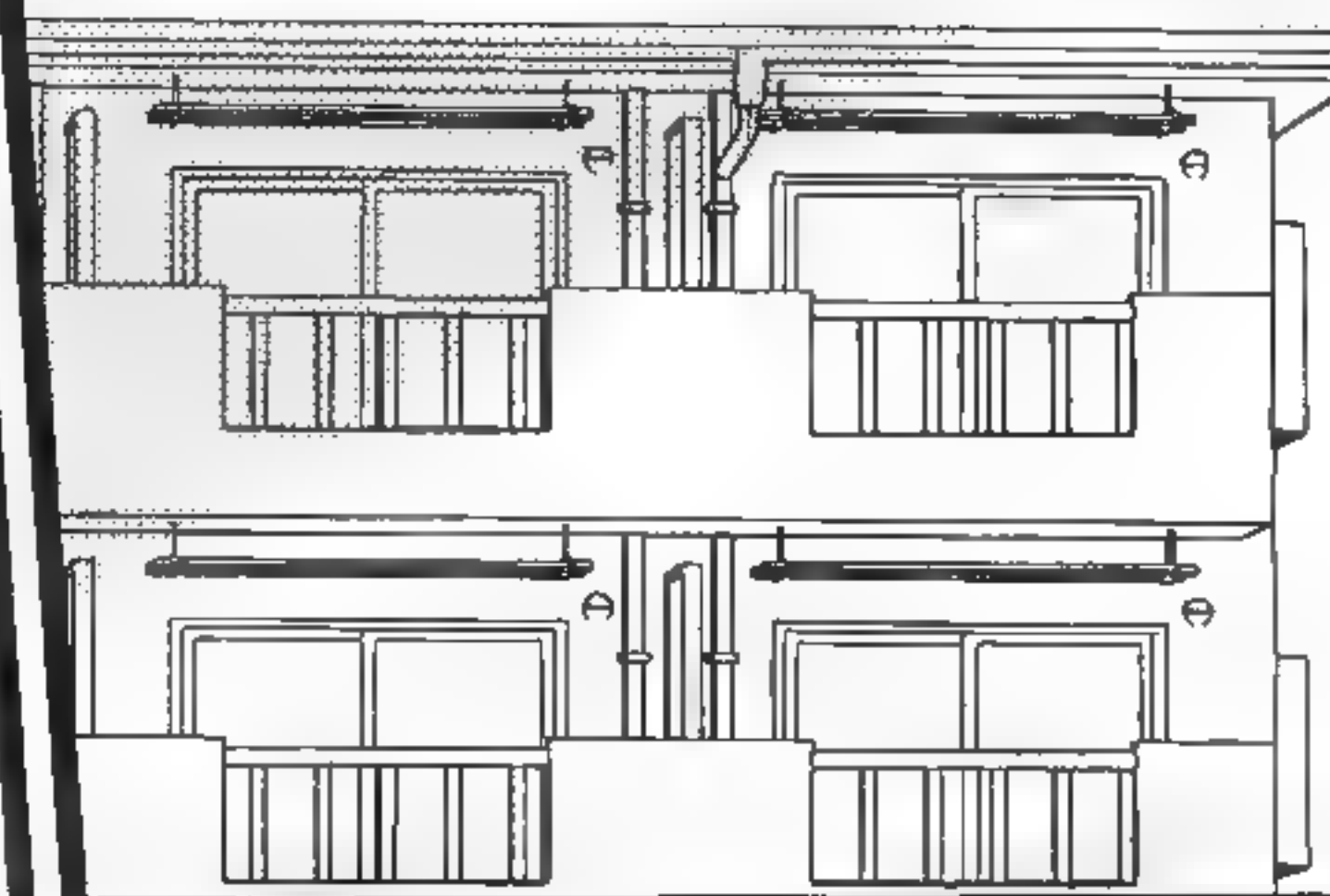




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CHIRPI  
チニ  
CHIRPI  
チニ



MONDAY  
MORNING

...

GOTTA  
GET  
READY  
FOR  
WORK.





IT ALL  
STARTED  
AT A WORK  
PARTY...

WHEN HE  
STRUCK UP A  
CONVERSATION  
WITH ME.

I TOLD  
YUZUKI-  
KUN  
ABOUT MY  
RELATION-  
SHIP WITH  
MY EX.

LAST  
NIGHT...



Kanna-  
chan, eh?  
That's a  
pretty  
name.

WE'D ONLY  
JUST MET,  
SO WE DIDN'T  
REALLY KNOW  
EACH OTHER.



AT  
FIRST,  
I WAS  
BAF-  
FLED.

Huh...?!



I hear  
you just  
joined  
marketing.  
Are you  
single?

Wanna  
go on a  
date  
some-  
time?

Wh--  
no it  
isn't...





HE GOT  
BORED  
OF ME,  
STARTED  
SLEEPING  
WITH OTHER  
WOMEN.  
AND THEN  
WE BROKE  
UP.

I THINK  
MOSTLY  
I JUST  
WANTED  
TO SEE  
WHAT IT  
WAS  
LIKE.

BUT THE  
NOVELTY  
WORE OFF  
PRETTY  
QUICK.

*BUT I HAD  
PRACTICALLY  
ZERO DATING  
EXPERIENCE,  
SO...*

*LIKE AN  
IDIOT, I  
SAID YES.*



DOES  
THAT  
MAKE  
SENSE?

I DON'T  
WANT TO  
JUMP INTO  
ANYTHING  
UNTIL I  
KNOW  
FOR SURE  
HOW I  
FEEL.



SO...

IT  
STILL  
FEELS  
RAW TO  
ME, AND  
I'M NOT  
OVER  
IT.

IT  
MAKES  
SENSE.

YEAH.





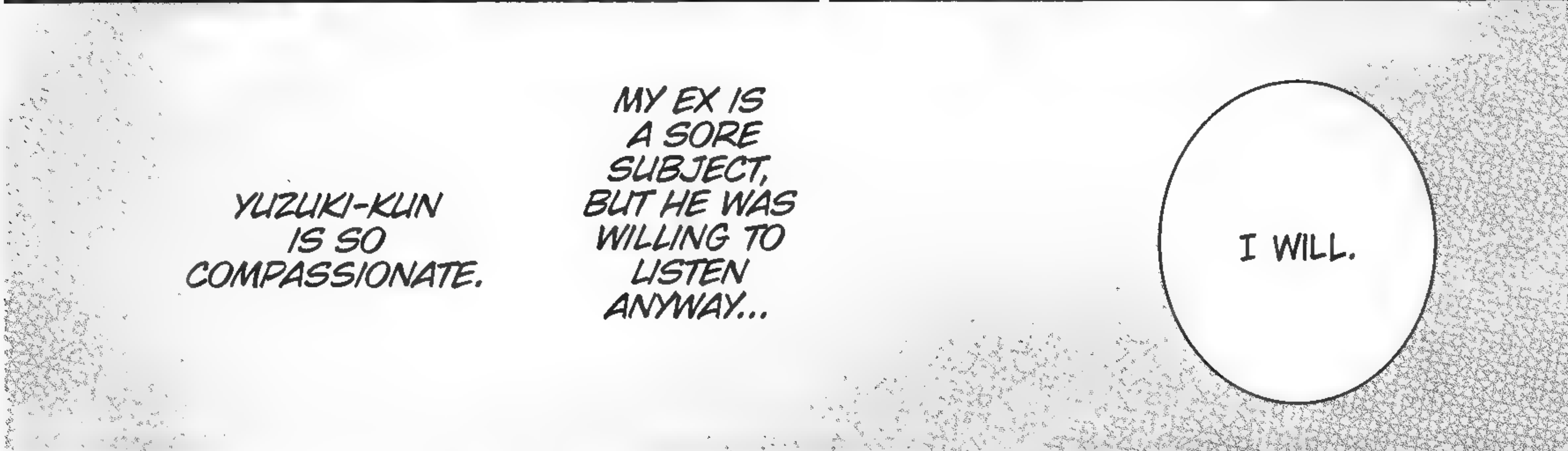
LET ME  
KNOW  
WHAT  
YOU'VE  
DECIDED.

ONCE  
YOU'VE  
SORTED  
ALL YOUR  
FEELINGS  
...



THANKS  
FOR  
TELLING  
ME  
ABOUT  
IT.

JUST  
KEEP ME  
POSTED,  
YOU  
KNOW?



YUZUKI-KUN  
IS SO  
COMPASSIONATE.

MY EX IS  
A SORE  
SUBJECT,  
BUT HE WAS  
WILLING TO  
LISTEN  
ANYWAY...

I WILL.



LICK  
~~~~~



OH...

HUH?

WAIT!  
Y-YOU  
SHOULD  
PROBABLY  
GO WASH  
YOUR  
HAND!

FLUSTER  
???







TO BE  
FRANK  
...



WH...



DID  
YOU  
JUST  
...?!



I'VE BEEN  
DYING TO  
FLICK YOUR  
BRAINS  
OUT.



BUT I  
PROMISED  
MYSELF I  
WOULDN'T  
GO FURTHER  
THAN THIS.

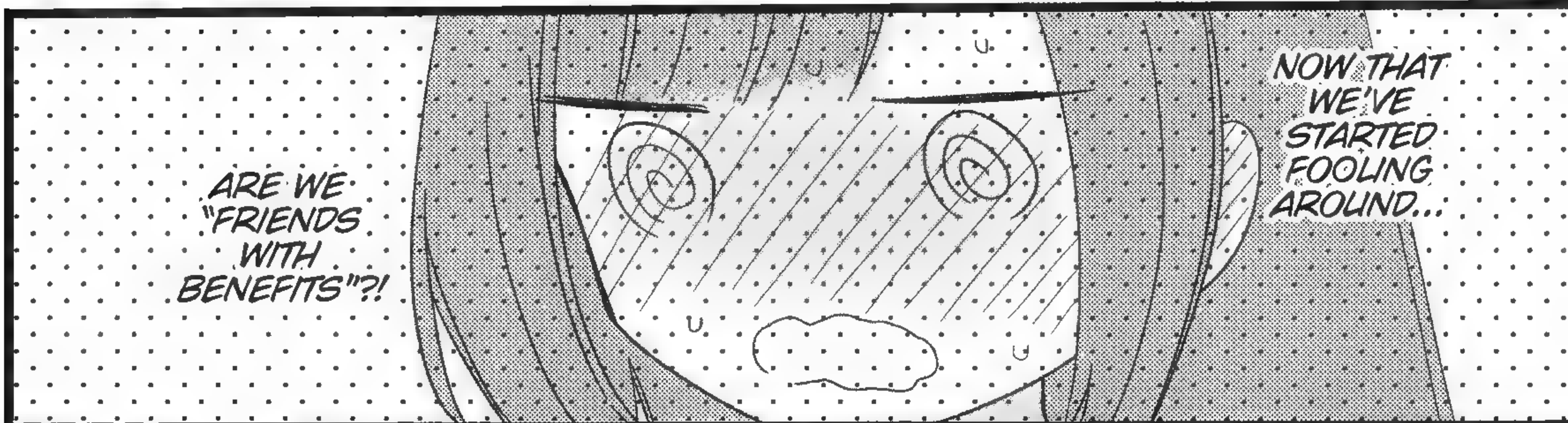




OH MY  
GOD!!!



NOT  
UNTIL  
YOU'RE  
OFFICIALLY  
MINE.



ARE WE  
"FRIENDS  
WITH  
BENEFITS"?!

NOW THAT  
WE'VE  
STARTED  
FOOLING  
AROUND...

STARTING  
TODAY...



NOW TO  
DO MY  
MAKEUP  
THE WAY HE  
TAUGHT  
ME...



CRAP!  
I NEED  
TO FINISH  
GETTING  
READY!

I'LL  
BE  
LATE!

GASP!  
はっ





GOOD MORNING, KANNA...

WAIT, WHAT?!

I NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHAT I WANT.



WTF?!

Um...

GOOD MORNING!

Where's her glasses?!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

MURMUR...

MURMUR...

DID SHE GET A HAIRCUT?! NO-- A TOTAL MAKE-OVER?!

C-calm down!

She's so pretty!

No waaay!

Isn't that Nishimura-san?!

Wait...







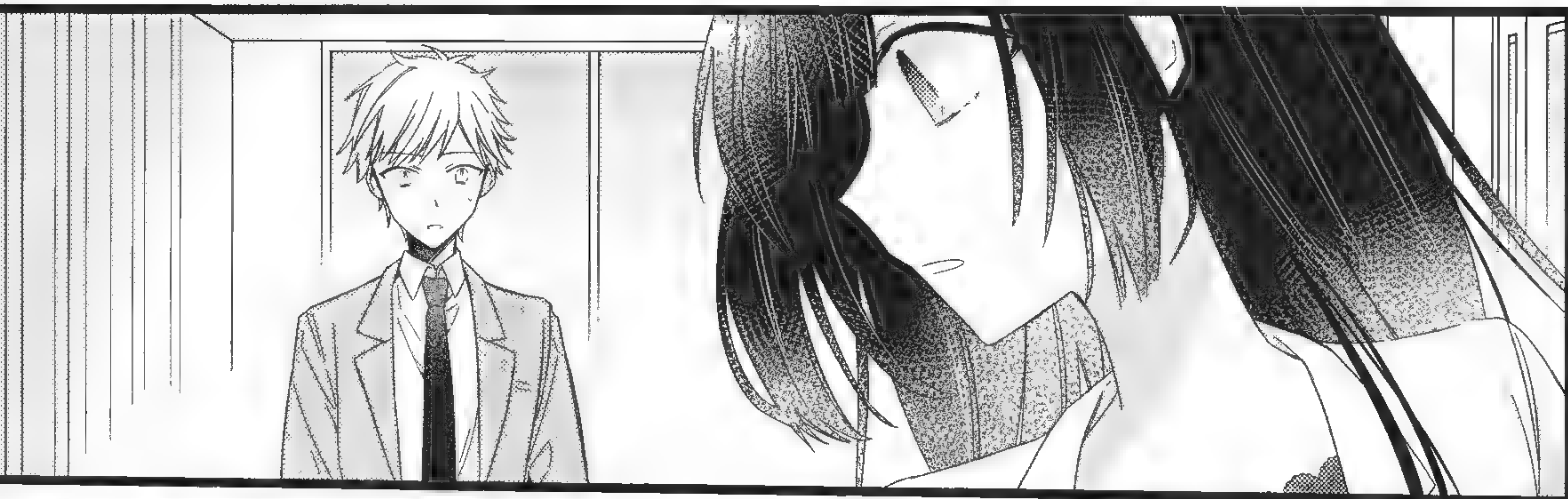


KANNA....?



KEEP  
THAT  
HEAD  
HELD  
HIGH!

GAH! NO  
SLOUCH-  
ING!



KEISLUKE!





WHAT'S  
UP? I  
ALMOST  
DIDN'T  
RECOGNIZE  
YOU!

UM...

I...



GRAB

WAIT!



HEY!

WHAT  
DO I  
DO?!

WHERE~



DIGGING  
THE NEW  
YOU,  
BY THE  
WAY.

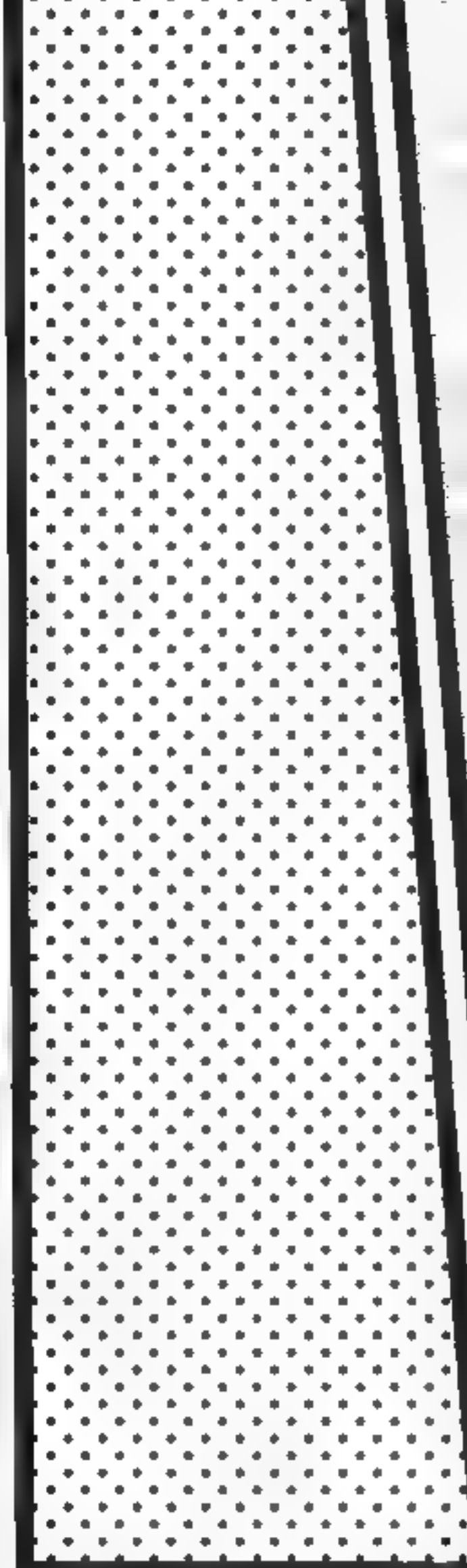
LOOKIN'  
HOT!





SOUNDS GREAT!

SHALL WE GRAB LUNCH, ICHIKAWA-KUN?



LET GO OF ME!



WHAT?!

OH DEAR. SOME GUY'S HARASSING POOR NISHIMURA-SAN.



BARELY.

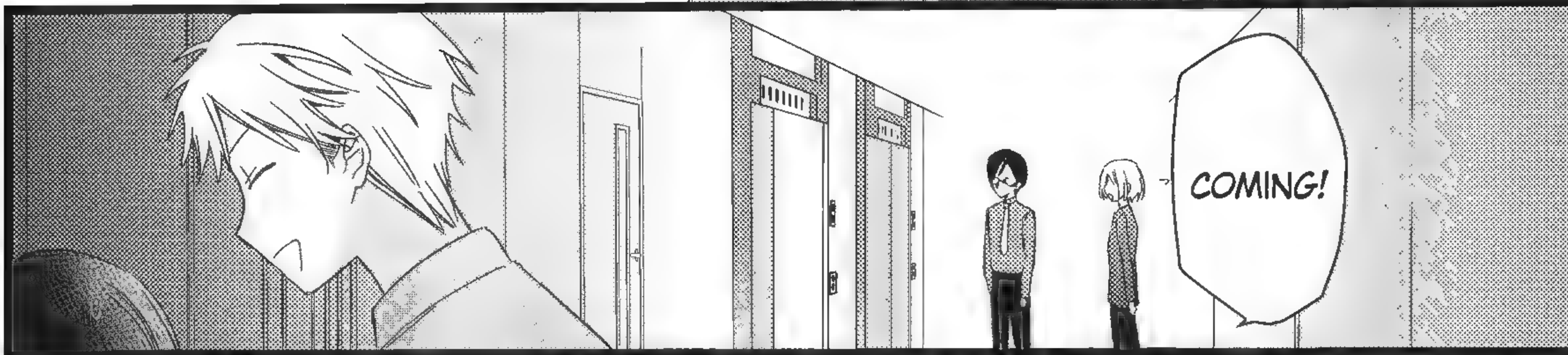
I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL YOUR HELP.

HAVE YOU SETTLED IN?



I THINK HE'S FROM THE SALES DEPARTMENT.









GET  
A NEW  
MAN OR  
SOME-  
THING?

SO  
WHAT  
BROUGHT  
THIS ON?



GOOD-  
BYE!



GRRRR!

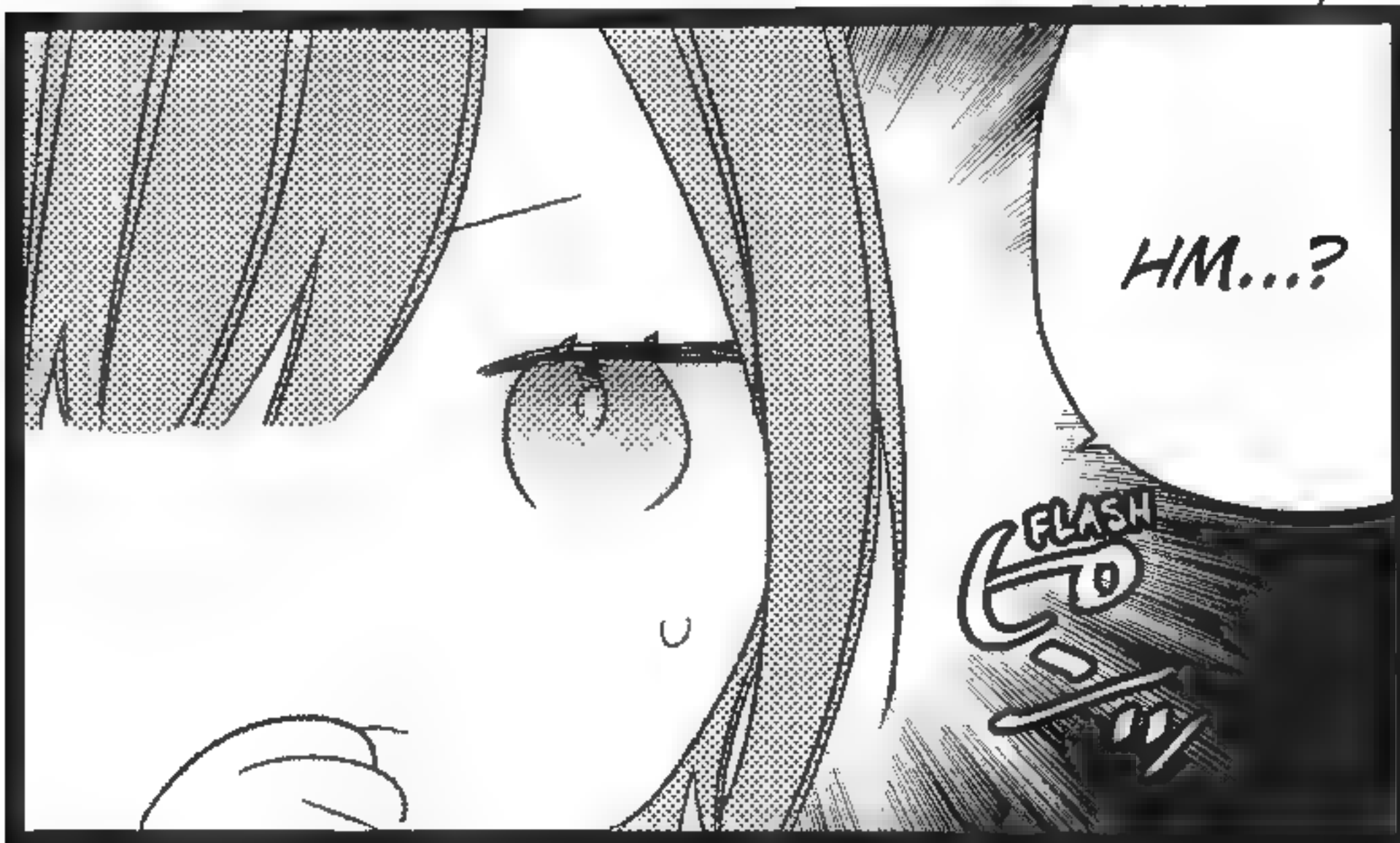


SO  
YOU'RE  
SAYING  
YOU'RE  
SINGLE?

WHAT?!  
NO!

I'M NOT  
HAVING THIS  
CONVERSATION  
WITH YOU!

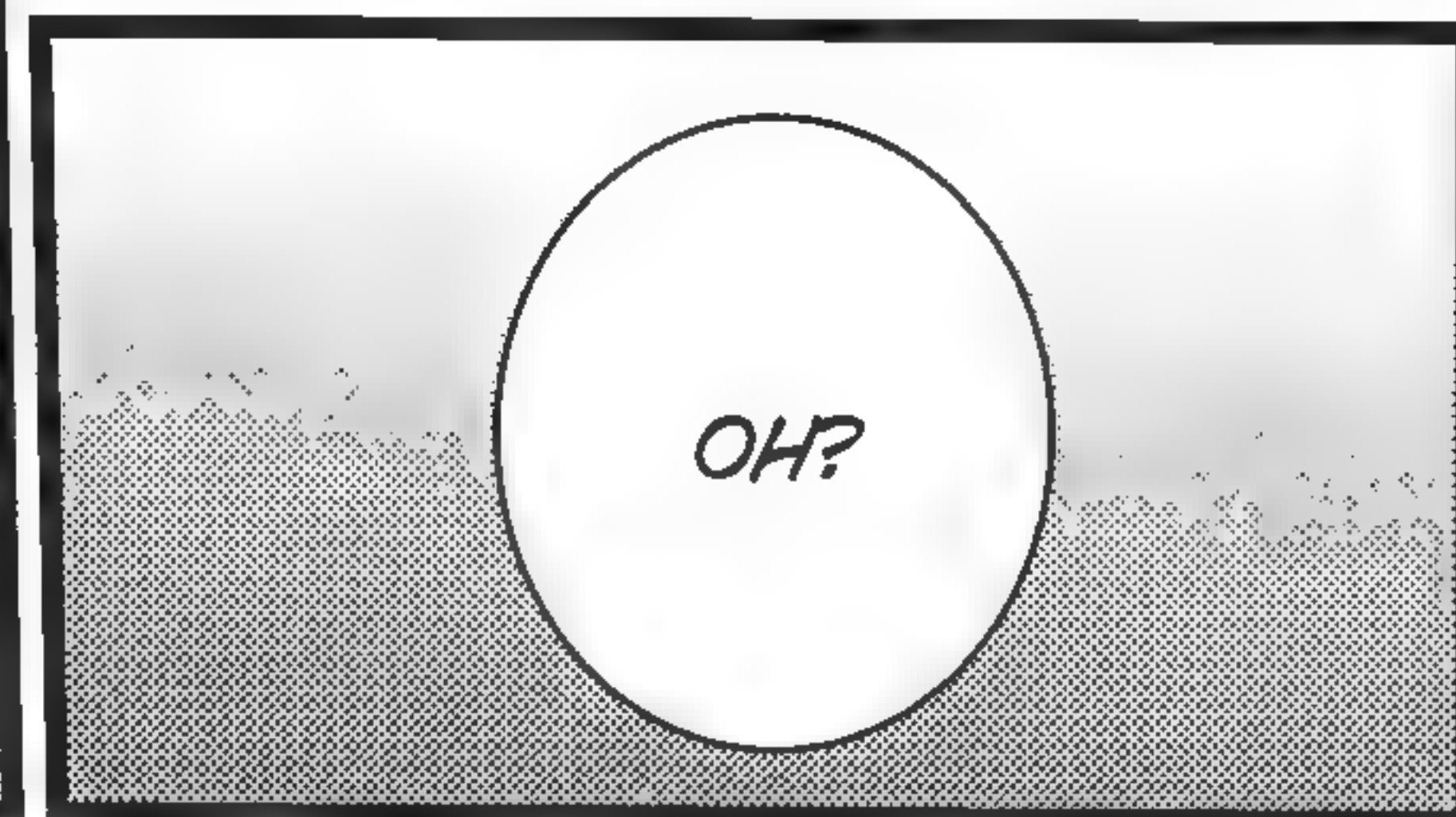




(Miki has an epiphany.)











ANYWAY,  
COULD I  
HAVE A  
WORD IN  
PRIVATE?

YOU  
KNOW  
YOSHIDA  
KEISUKE-  
SAN FROM  
SALES?

WE'RE  
DRINKING  
BUDDIES,  
SO I HEARD  
ABOUT YOU  
FROM HIM.

*Whoo*



WH-  
WHAT  
DO YOU  
WANT  
TO TALK  
ABOUT?

SORRY TO  
INTERRUPT  
YOUR  
LUNCH!

WHAT  
FOR  
...?

WELL...





HUH?

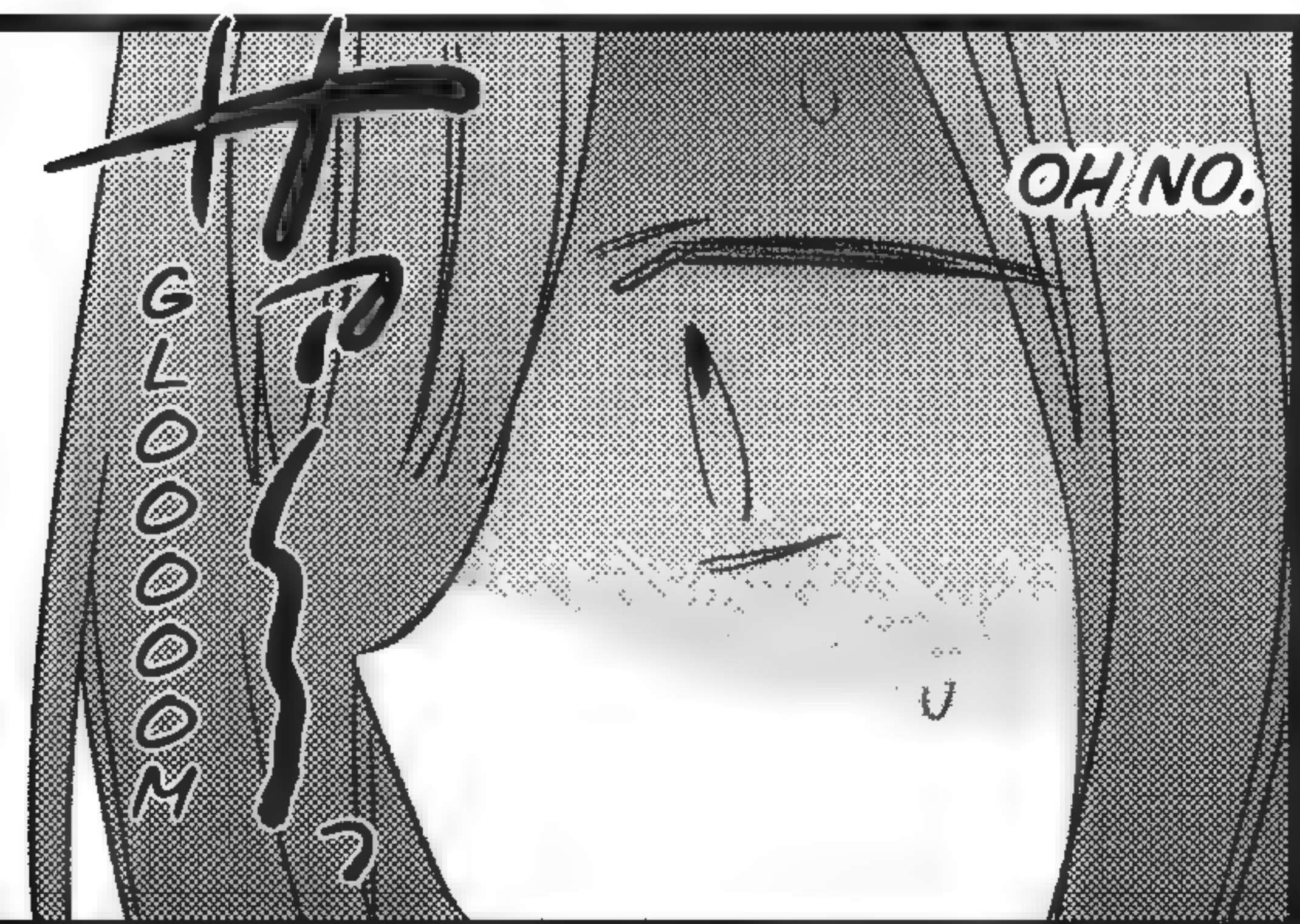
I'LL BE  
DIRECT.

ARE YOU  
REALLY  
DATING  
ICHIKAWA-  
KUN...

RIGHT  
AFTER  
YOUR  
BREAKUP  
WITH  
KEISUKE-  
SAN?



I WANT  
ICHIKAWA-  
KUN FOR  
MYSELF.



OH NO.



BECAUSE  
...

HER  
WORD  
CHOICE  
FEELS A  
LITTLE...  
POINTED...

WH-WHY  
DO YOU  
ASK?





I  
FIGURE  
IT'S  
NOTHING  
SERIOUS  
...

BUT I  
WANT  
TO  
MAKE  
SURE.



I KNEW  
IT! SHE  
HATES MY  
GLITS!

SO I  
REALLY  
HOPE  
YOU'RE NOT  
ACTUALLY  
DATING  
HIM.



W-  
WE'RE...

OUR  
RELA-  
TIONSHIP  
IS...



NO!

YOU'RE  
WRONG!



SHE'S  
RIGHT...  
AND  
YET...

WAIT,  
WHY AM I  
DENYING  
IT?

OH  
CRAP.

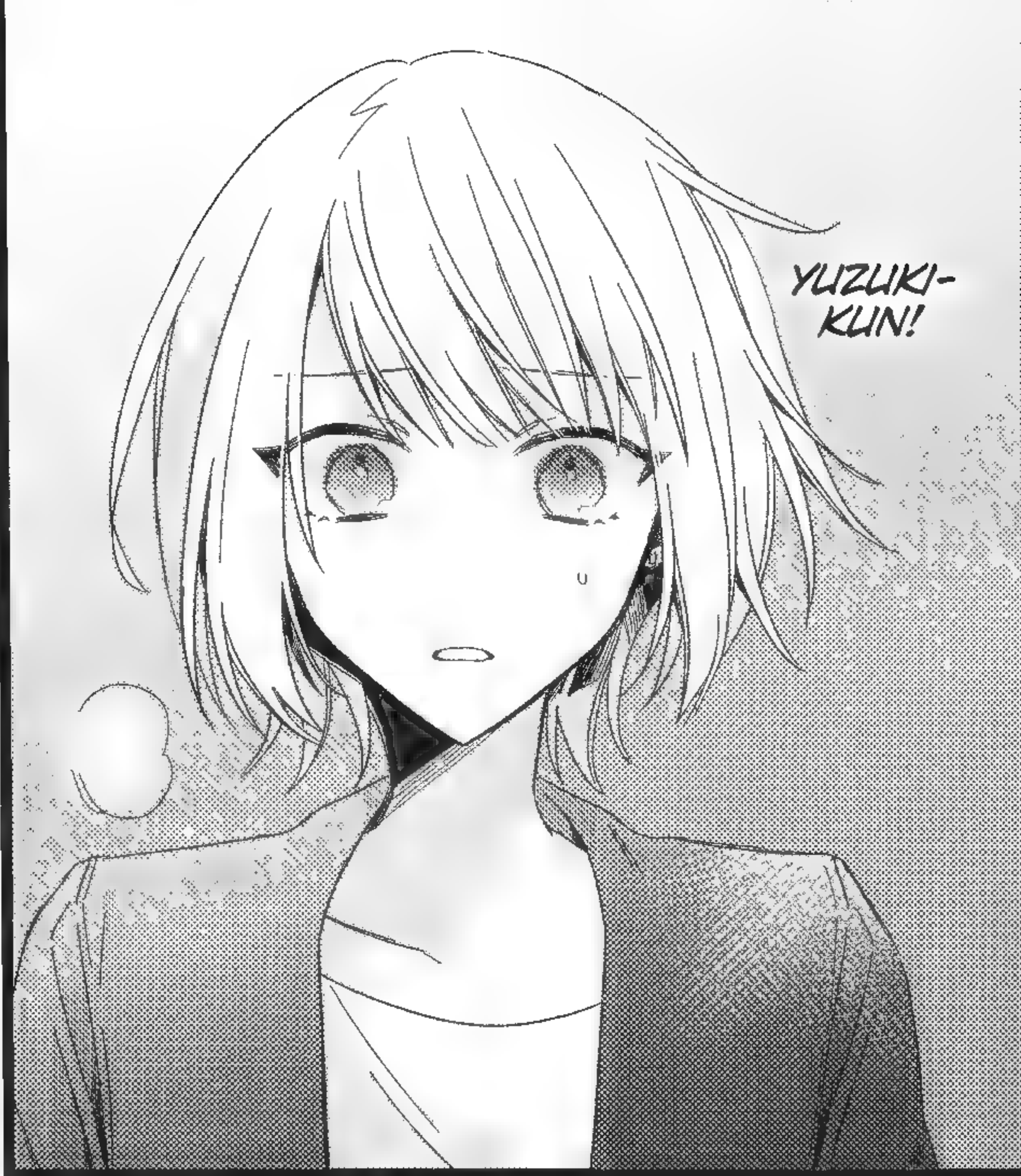
WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON?





OH, UH,  
SORRY!  
THOUGHT I  
HEARD YOUR  
VOICES, SO  
I WANTED  
TO SAY  
HI...

ICHIKAWA-  
KUN?



YUZUKI-  
KUN!



CAN I  
ASK YOU  
SOMETHING?

PERFECT  
TIMING,  
ACTUALLY.



OH,  
RIGHT.

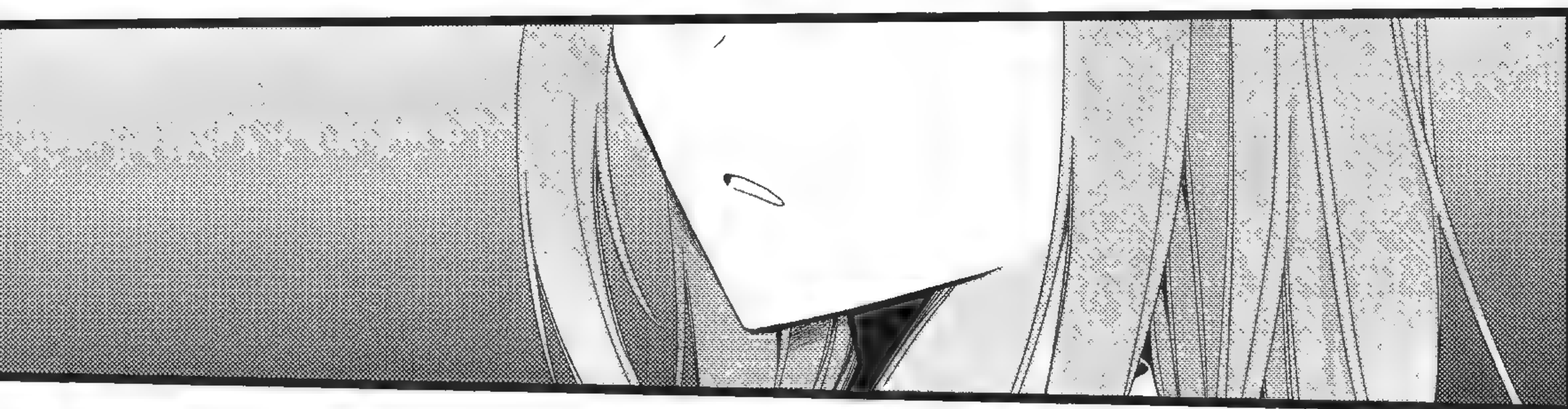
LAST  
WE SPOKE,  
YOU CALLED  
HER YOUR  
GIRLFRIEND,  
SO...



!

ARE  
YOU TWO  
ACTUALLY  
IN A RELA-  
TIONSHIP?









THIS  
ISN'T  
OVER.

*SHE...*

NO...  
I'VE SEEN  
HER AROUND  
A FEW TIMES,  
BUT...

THAT  
WAS THE  
FIRST  
TIME WE  
EVER  
SPOKE.

MIYAKAWA-  
SAN'S BEEN  
WANTING  
TO HANG  
OUT EVER  
SINCE I TRANS-  
FERRED  
HERE.

ARE YOU  
FRIENDS  
WITH HER?  
I SAW  
YOU TWO  
TALKING,  
SO...

ARE  
YOU OKAY,  
KANNA-  
CHAN?

**SHE'S  
TERRI-  
FYING!**

HUH?





OH...  
I SEE...

SHE  
GOES OUT  
DRINKING  
WITH HIM  
A LOT.



REALLY,  
SHE'S  
MORE MY  
EX'S  
FRIEND.



THAT  
GUY FROM  
SALES,  
THE ONE  
YOU WERE  
TALKING  
TO IN THE  
HALL.  
THAT'S  
YOUR EX?

WHAT?



WELL...

HE  
SAW  
US?



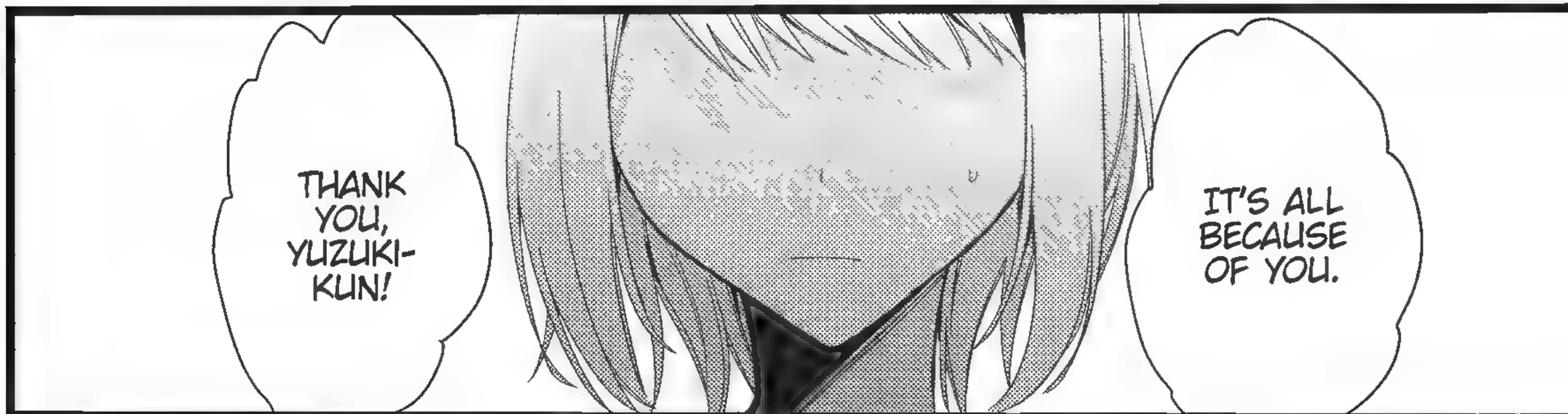
.....





CRAZY,  
HUH?

YEAH, HE  
FLAGGED  
ME DOWN  
TO TELL  
ME I "GOT  
HOT."



THANK  
YOU,  
YUZUKI-  
KUN!

IT'S ALL  
BECAUSE  
OF YOU.



SURE!

ANYWAY,  
I WAS ON  
MY WAY TO  
THE ARCHIVE  
ROOM.  
WANNA  
COME  
WITH?



THEN I  
GUESS  
THE PLAN  
WORKED!

GLAD  
TO BE OF  
SERVICE.





HUH?

RATTLE  
カ  
カ  
カ









I'M SO  
WEAK FOR  
THOSE  
PUPPY-  
DOG EYES.



FIRST,  
HE'S  
ALWAYS  
CARED  
ABOUT  
ME.



WHEN I  
SAW YOU  
TALKING  
WITH YOUR  
EX...

IT  
REALLY  
BOTH-  
ERED  
ME.

THERE  
ARE TWO  
REASONS  
WHY I  
CAN  
NEVER  
SAY NO  
TO HIM.













AAAH!

TWITCH  
NO  
W  
W

JOLT

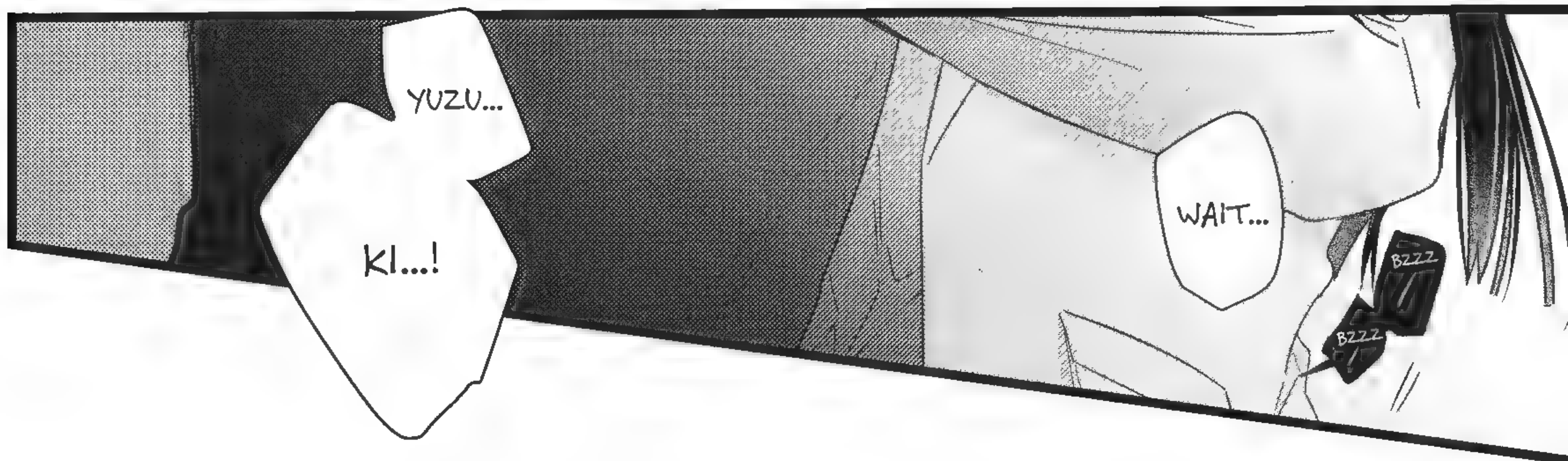
HE'S  
GRINDING  
HIS BULGE  
INTO ME!

HUMP

HAAH!

Aah!

WHA--?!



YUZU...

KI...!

WAIT...

BZZZ

BZZZ

BZZZ

BZZZ

Keisuke

Remind Me

Message



I Want You  
to Make Me Beautiful



I Want You  
to Make Me Beautiful



BACK IN  
JUNIOR  
HIGH, IT  
WASN'T  
TILL THE  
DAY I  
MOVED  
AWAY...

THAT I  
REALIZED  
I HAD A  
CRUSH  
ON HER.

NATU-  
RALLY...

WHEN I  
HEARD  
SHE'D JUST  
LEFT A RE-  
LATIONSHIP,  
I DIDN'T  
KNOW HOW  
TO FEEL.

HOW-  
EVER...

I WAS  
OVER THE  
MOON TO  
SEE HER  
AGAIN  
AFTER ALL  
THESE  
YEARS.



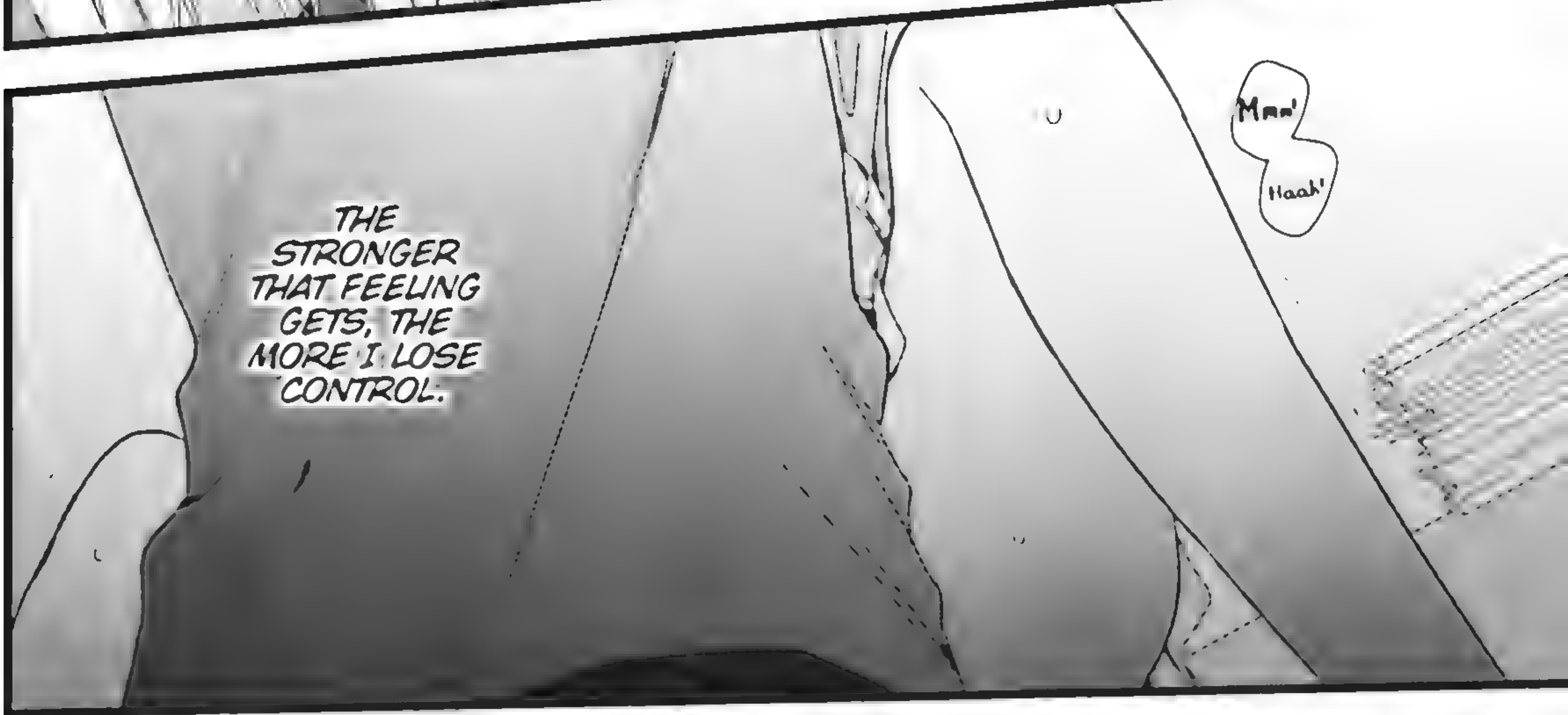




ALL I COULD THINK WAS, "I NEVER WOULD'VE HURT HER LIKE THAT."

QUIVER

Mmh  
Mmh



THE STRONGER THAT FEELING GETS, THE MORE I LOSE CONTROL.

Mmh  
Haah!



HAAHH...

HAHH

HAAH



GRIP

ぎゅ

.....

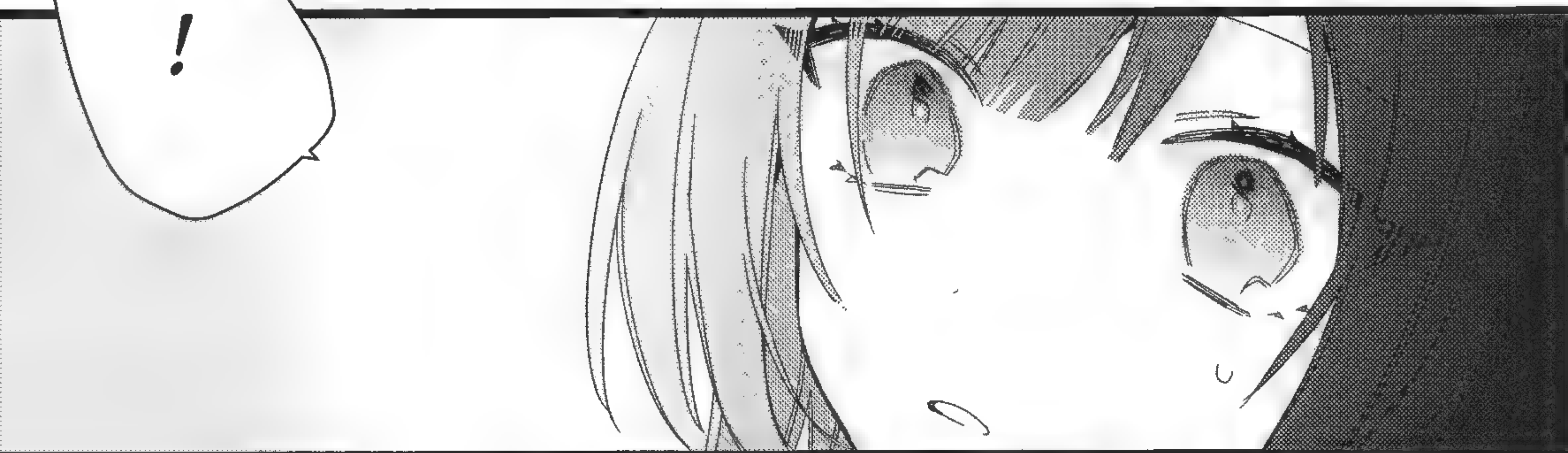


I DESPISE

THIS SIDE OF ME.

GRIP  
ぎゅ  
う









I'M...?



HUH?!



ARE YOU  
CRYING...?



WHAT  
FOR?!

DO ME  
A FAVOR,  
KANNA-  
CHAN...  
PUNCH ME  
AS HARD  
AS YOU  
CAN.

GLOOOOOM

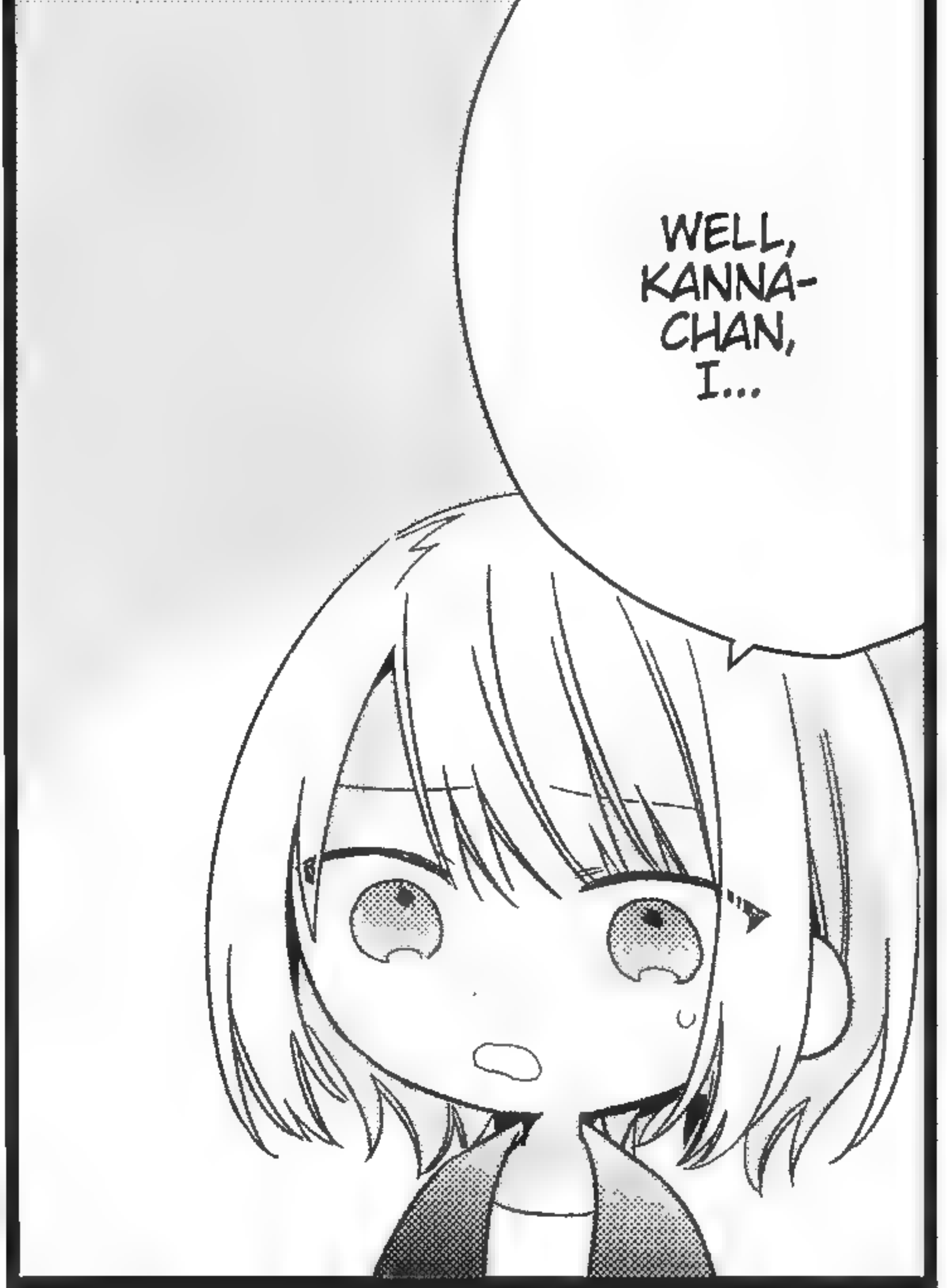


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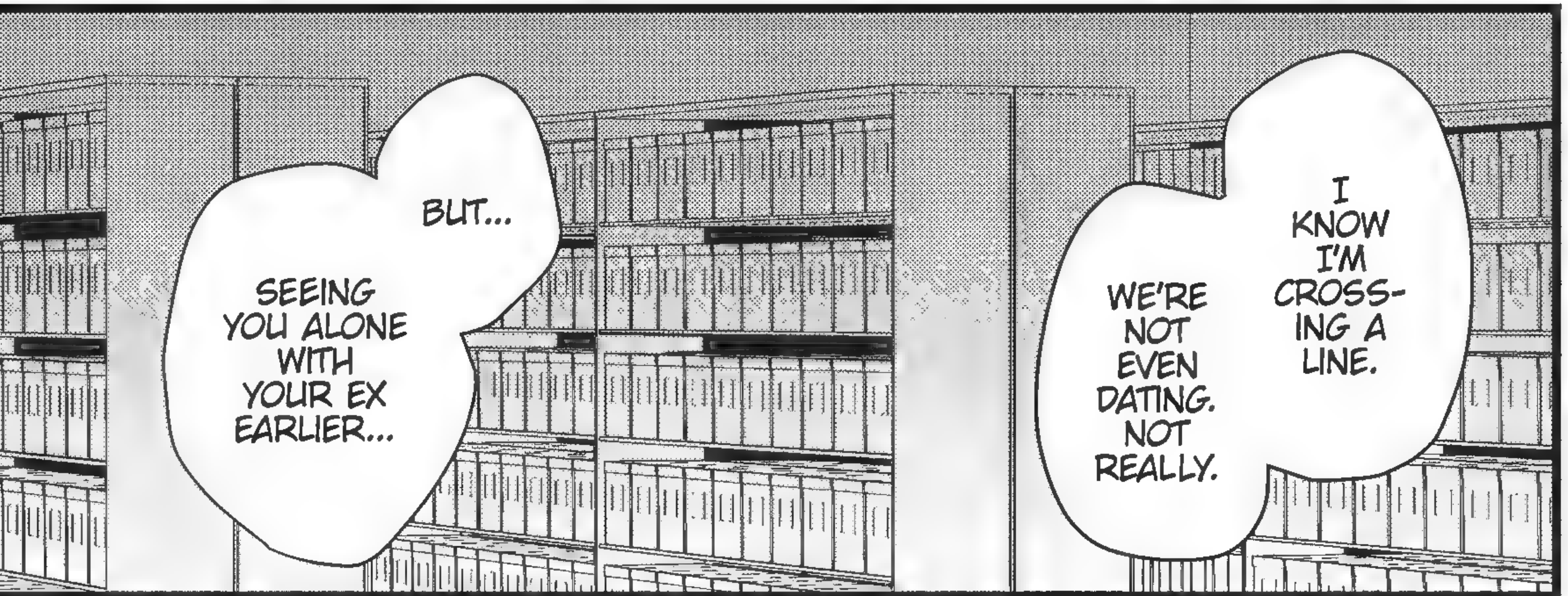




I ALMOST  
TRIED TO  
HAVE MY  
WAY WITH  
YOU.  
AGAIN.



WELL,  
KANNA-  
CHAN,  
I...



BUT...

SEEING  
YOU ALONE  
WITH  
YOUR EX  
EARLIER...

WE'RE  
NOT  
EVEN  
DATING.  
NOT  
REALLY.

I  
KNOW  
I'M  
CROSS-  
ING A  
LINE.

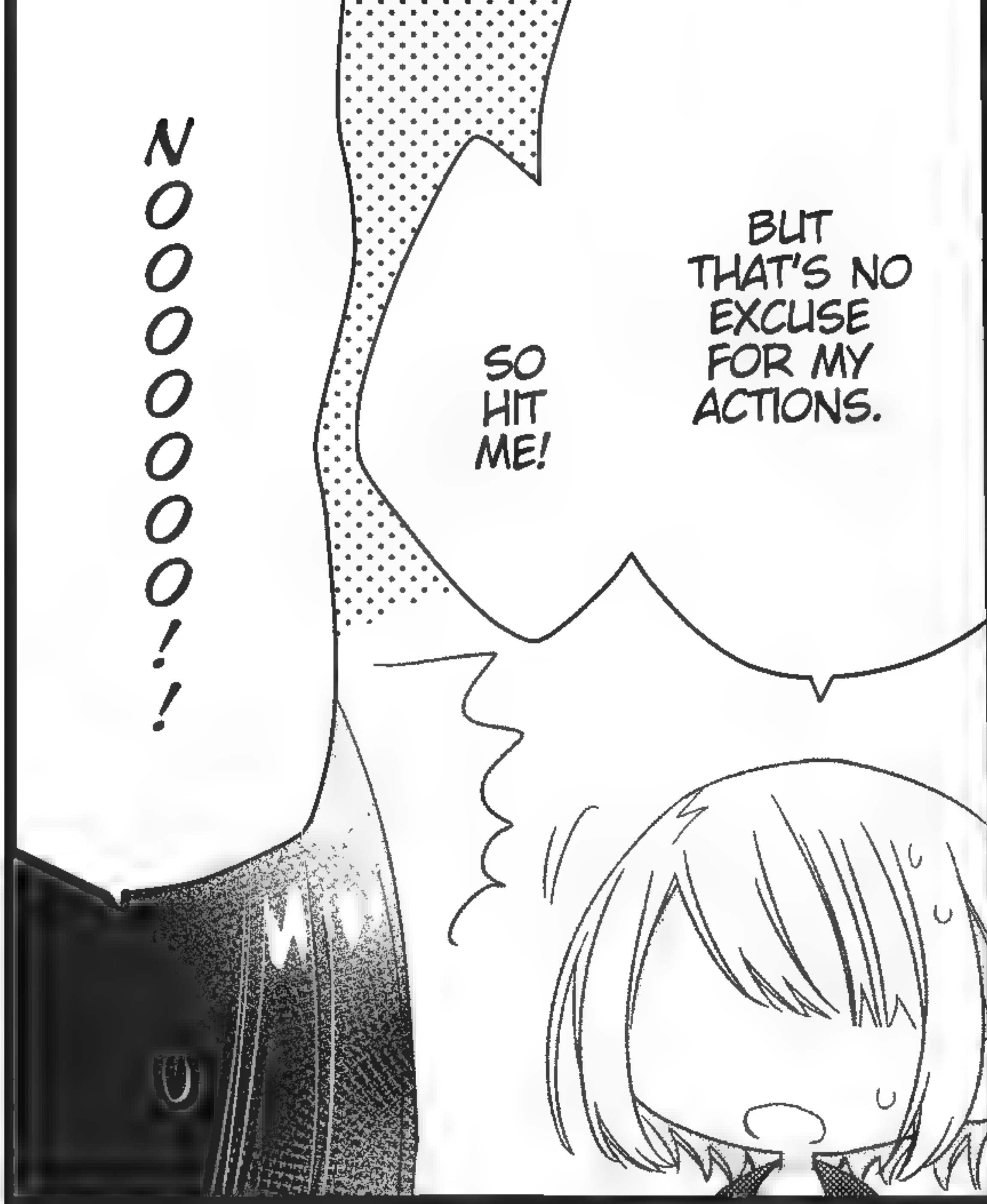


IT...  
SCARED  
ME.

I  
WAS  
LIKE,  
WHAT IF  
YOU TWO  
GOT BACK  
TOGETH-  
ER?

I  
JUST  
LOST  
IT.





SO  
HIT  
ME!

BUT  
THAT'S NO  
EXCUSE  
FOR MY  
ACTIONS.



YUZUKI-  
KUN...

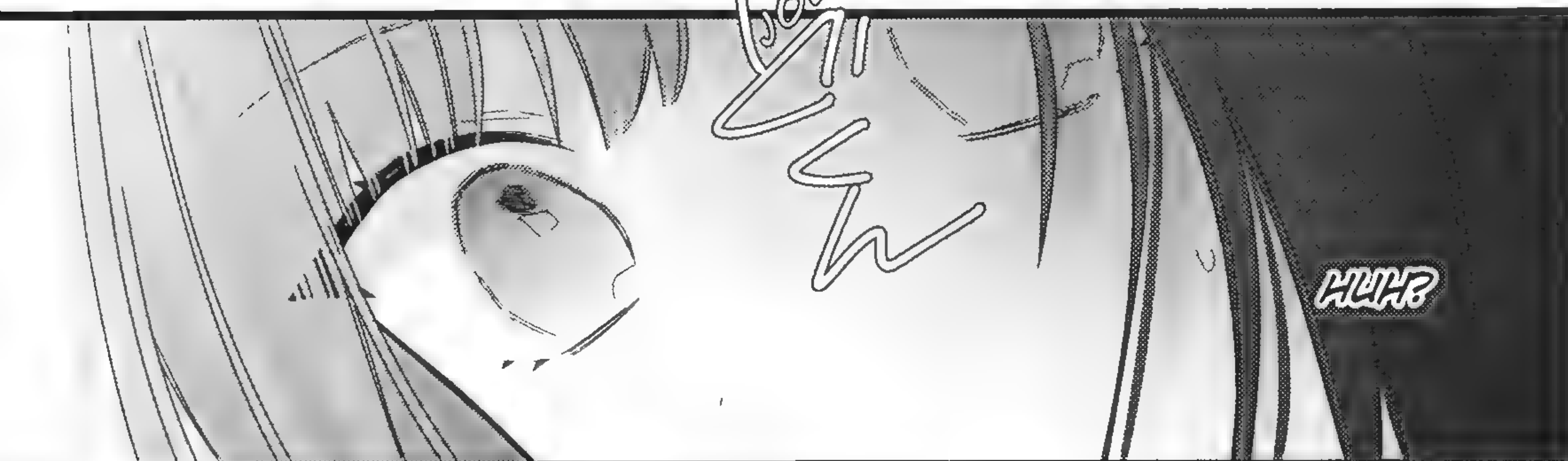


I  
JUST  
CAN'T  
DO IT  
~  
!

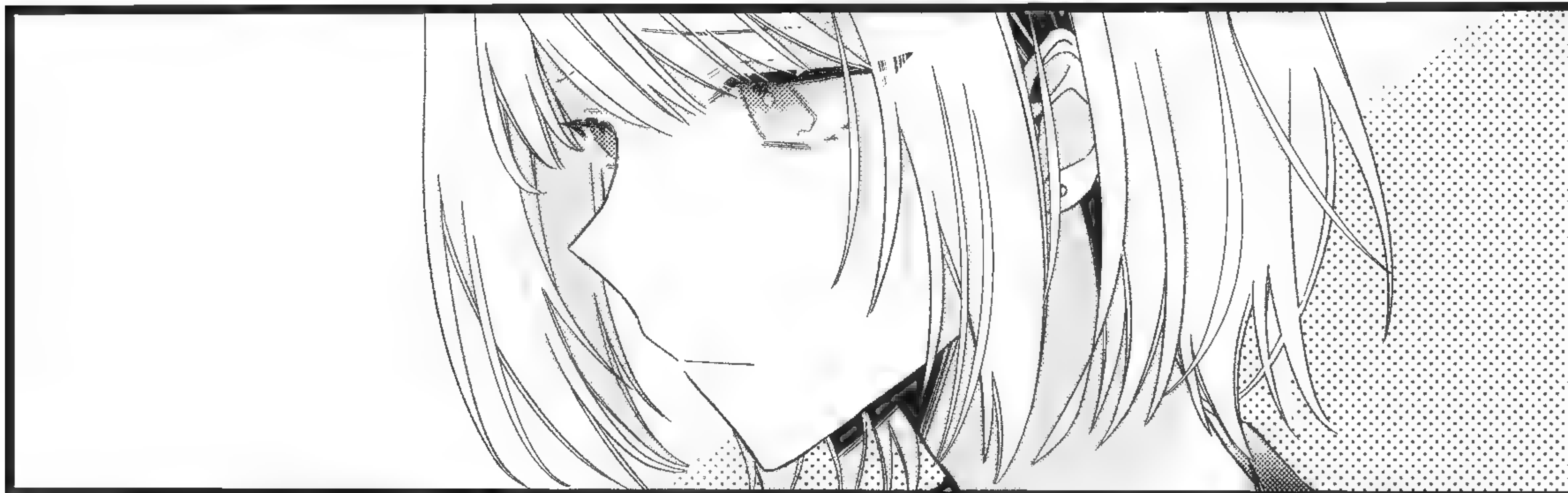


EVEN  
IF IT'S  
WHAT HE  
WANTS...







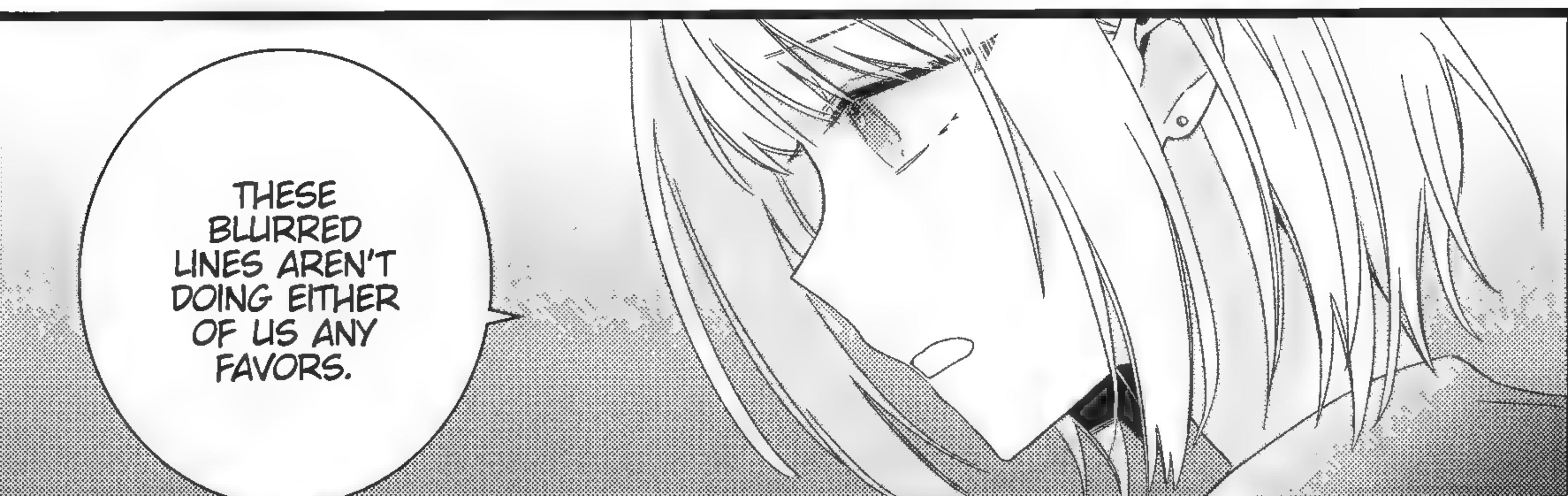






I'M  
GOING TO  
TRY AND  
KEEP MY  
DISTANCE.

UNTIL  
YOU  
MAKE UP  
YOUR  
MIND...



THESE  
BLURRED  
LINES AREN'T  
DOING EITHER  
OF US ANY  
FAVORS.



AS  
FOR THE  
"FAKE  
DATING"  
THING...

LET'S  
STOP  
THAT,  
TOO.

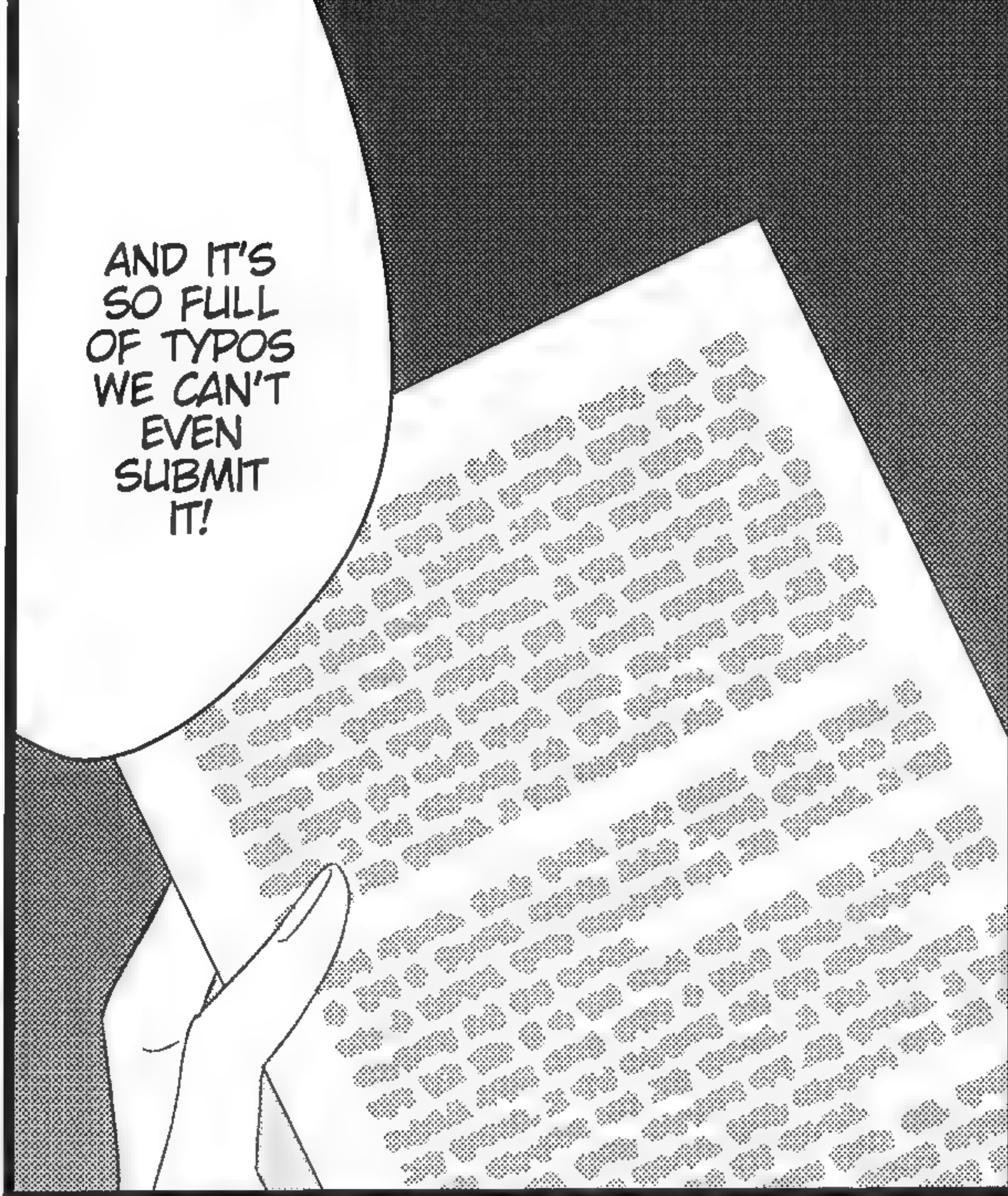




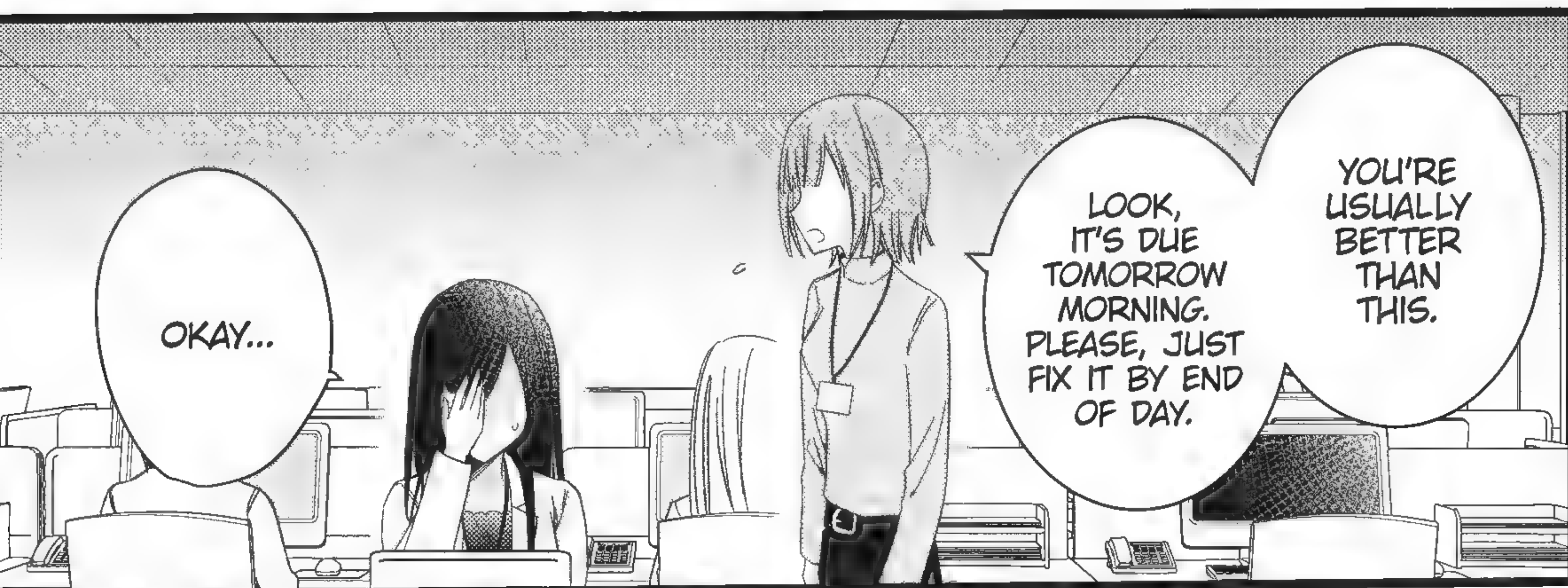




I'M  
SO, SO  
SORRY...



AND IT'S  
SO FULL  
OF TYPOS  
WE CAN'T  
EVEN  
SUBMIT  
IT!



OKAY...

LOOK,  
IT'S DUE  
TOMORROW  
MORNING.  
PLEASE, JUST  
FIX IT BY END  
OF DAY.

YOU'RE  
USUALLY  
BETTER  
THAN  
THIS.



AND SO...

CRAP!  
I NEED TO  
FOCUS ON  
WORK!



DAYS  
PASSED.

YUZUKI-  
KUN AND I  
STOPPED  
TALKING.

WE'D SAY  
HI IF WE  
SAW EACH  
OTHER IN  
THE HALL.

BUT...

Morning!

Good  
morning!

IT  
WASN'T  
LIKE WE  
WERE  
OUTRIGHT  
IGNORING  
EACH  
OTHER.

IT FELT  
LIKE WE'D  
RESET  
BACK TO  
HIS FIRST  
DAY HERE.

I  
MISS  
HIM...





WE'VE  
JUST  
GONE  
BACK TO  
NORMAL,  
RIGHT?

WHY DO I  
FEEL SO  
TORN?



WAIT, I  
MISS  
HIM?



WHAT'S  
THE MATTER  
WITH ME...?



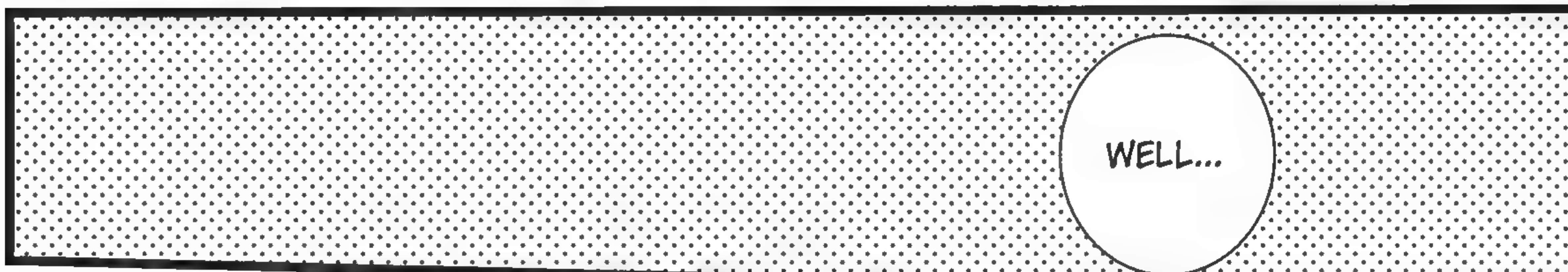
Forgot  
to call  
him  
back...

OH  
CRAP!

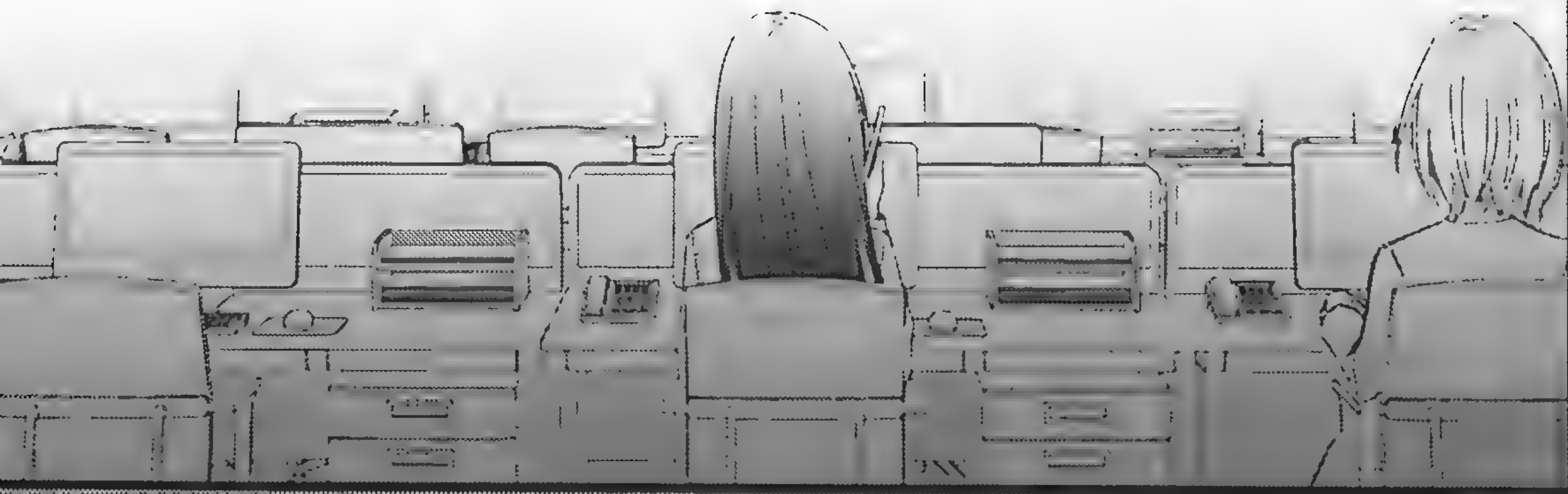


BZZZZZ









NOT FOR  
KEISUKE...

I WANTED  
TO HONE  
MY  
BEAUTY...

WHY WAS  
IT THAT I  
WANTED  
A MAKE-  
OVER?

THAT'S  
FUNNY...

BUT FOR  
MYSELF.

TOO LATE,  
KEISUKE.

WHY  
DID HE  
WAIT  
SO  
LONG?

HIS  
NAME  
IS...

SOMEONE  
WHOSE  
SPARKLE  
I TRULY  
ADMIRE.

I MET  
SOMEONE.





YUZUKI-KUN.

HE INSPIRED  
ME TO CHANGE  
MYSELF FOR  
THE BETTER.









HMM...



I DON'T  
WANT YOU  
ANYMORE.

WE'RE  
DONE.  
END OF  
STORY.



WELLLL  
...  
YOU'RE  
ONLY  
HALF  
RIGHT.

IT'S  
ALL  
JUST A  
GAME  
TO YOU,  
ISN'T  
IT?!

YOU'RE  
SO  
SHAL-  
LOW!



YEAH,  
I KINDA  
FIGURED.

BUT  
COULDN'T  
HURT  
TO ASK,  
RIGHT?



HEY,  
C'MON! I'M  
KIDDING!



THE  
OTHER  
HALF IS  
TOTALLY  
SERIOUS.





I SWEAR,  
IF YOU  
KEEP  
JUMPING  
SHIP LIKE  
THAT,  
YOU'LL  
REGRET  
IT.

I WAS SO  
STUPID TO  
BAWL MY  
EYES OUT  
OVER THIS  
DUDE...



ARE  
YOU  
SERI-  
OUS?!

WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO YOUR  
LITTLE SIDE  
PIECE,  
ANYWAY?

HER?  
WE  
BROKE  
UP.



MAYBE  
YOU'D CHANGE  
YOUR WAYS IF  
YOU FELL IN  
LOVE FOR  
REAL.



REAL  
LOVE,  
HUH?






IS SHE  
SPEAKING  
FROM  
EXPERIENCE?



YUZUKI-  
KUN,  
WHERE  
ARE YOU?



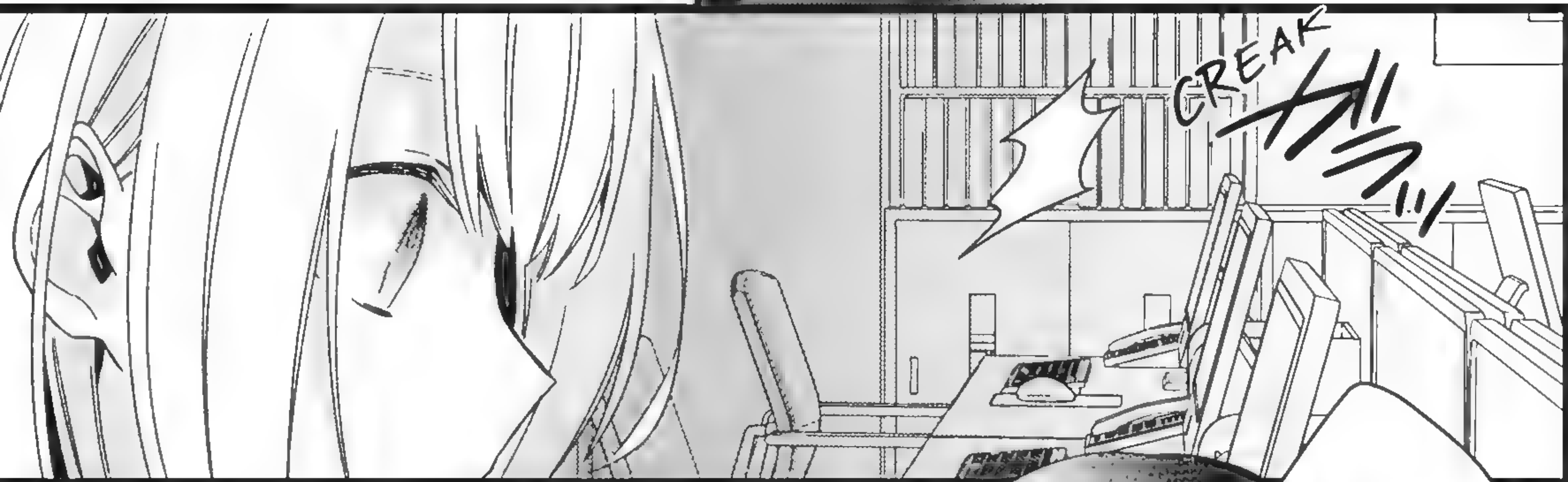
I NEED  
TO FIND  
YOU...



AND  
TELL  
YOU  
HOW I  
FEEL.

PING













WHAT  
THE HELL  
ARE YOU  
TWO  
DOING?



OH  
GOD, IT'S  
MIKI!



UH  
HUH.  
AANY-  
WAY...

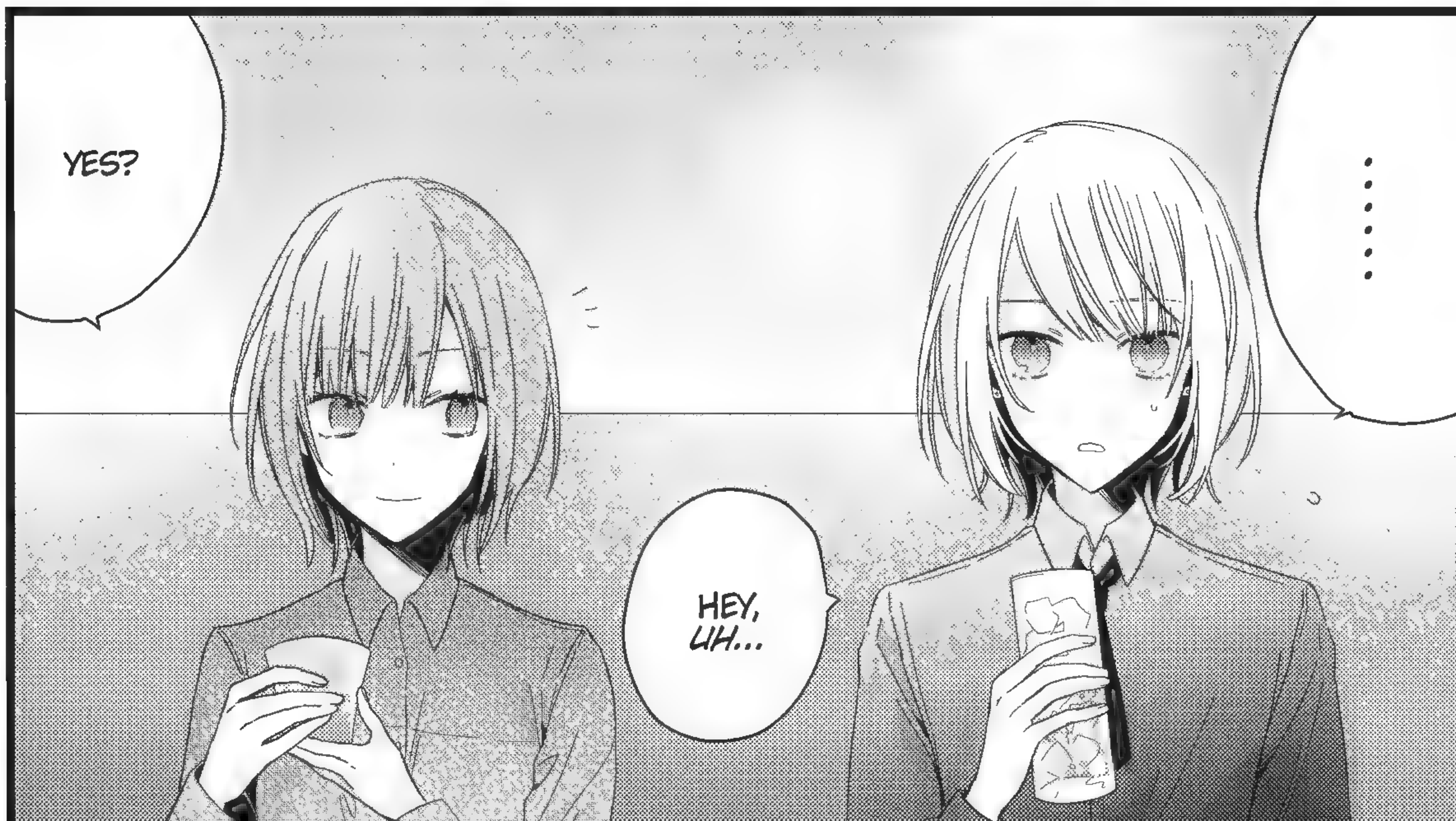
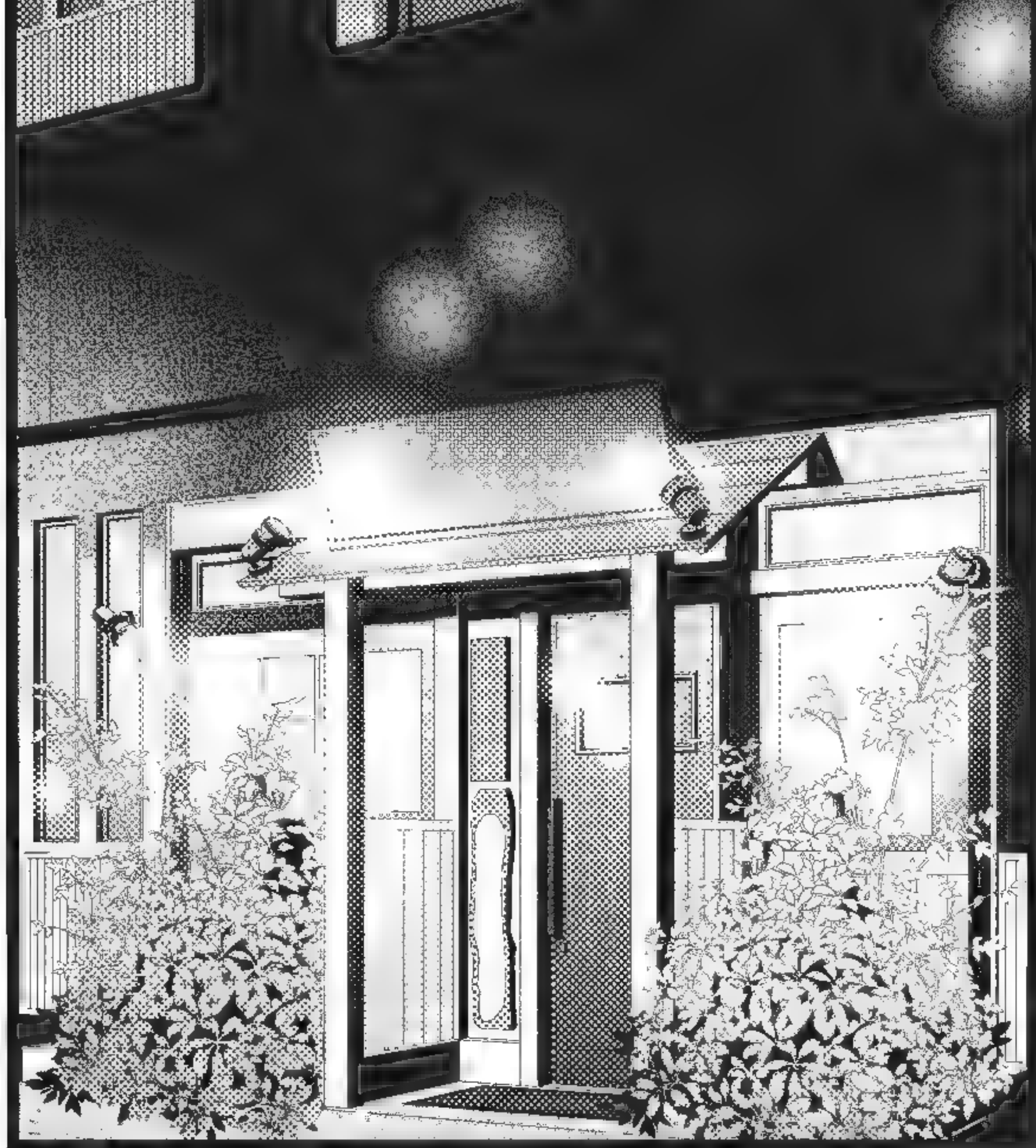
IT'S,  
UM! IT'S  
NOT WHAT  
IT LOOKS  
LIKE?!

I  
JUST  
TRIPPED!  
HE  
CAUGHT  
ME!

FLUSTER  
???

I  
THOUGHT  
SHE LEFT!  
NOW SHE'LL  
GET THE  
WRONG  
IDEA!  
))









ME?

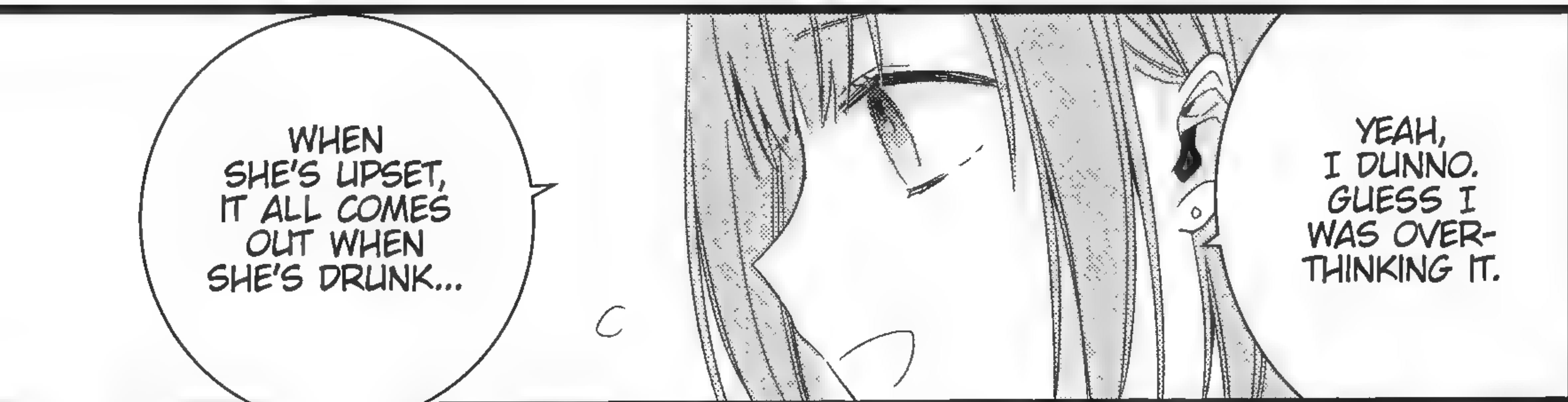
I FIGURED YOU HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT.

SHE'S BEEN OFF HER GAME THE PAST FEW DAYS, MAKING LOTS OF AMATEUR MISTAKES.



GREAT JOB, SHERLOCK.

KANNA-CHAN CAN'T HOLD HER LIQUOR AT ALL, HUH?



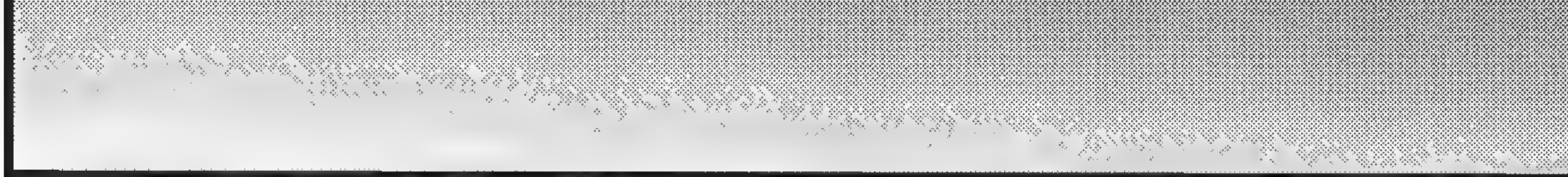
WHEN SHE'S UPSET, IT ALL COMES OUT WHEN SHE'S DRUNK...

YEAH, I DUNNO. GUESS I WAS OVER-THINKING IT.



BUT LOOK AT HER. SHE'S SMILING.













I'M  
IN LOVE  
WITH YOU,  
YUZUKI-KUN!



I  
DON'T  
WANNA  
JUST  
PRETEND...

I  
WANT TO  
BE WITH  
YOU FOR  
REAL!

I  
NEEDED  
TO TELL  
YOU IN  
PERSON.





I LOVE  
YOU.



REALLY  
...?



I LOVE  
YOU SO  
MUCH!







I Want You  
to Make Me Beautiful



I Want You  
to Make Me Beautiful



Th-  
Thanks...

Let's  
hang out  
again if  
you're ever  
back in  
town.

Maybe  
your dream  
will come  
true by  
then!

AS THE  
YEARS  
WENT BY  
AT THAT  
OTHER  
SCHOOL...

I NEVER  
ONCE  
FORGOT  
ABOUT YOU,  
KANNA-  
CHAN.

Fingers  
crossed,  
Yuzuki-  
kun!





AND NOW  
YOU'RE  
RIGHT IN  
FRONT OF  
ME.



TH-THUMP

TH-THUMP

TH-THUMP

YEAH.



ARE  
YOU  
SURE  
ABOUT  
THIS?

ONCE  
WE  
CROSS  
THIS LINE,  
THERE'S  
NO GOING  
BACK.









PLEASE?

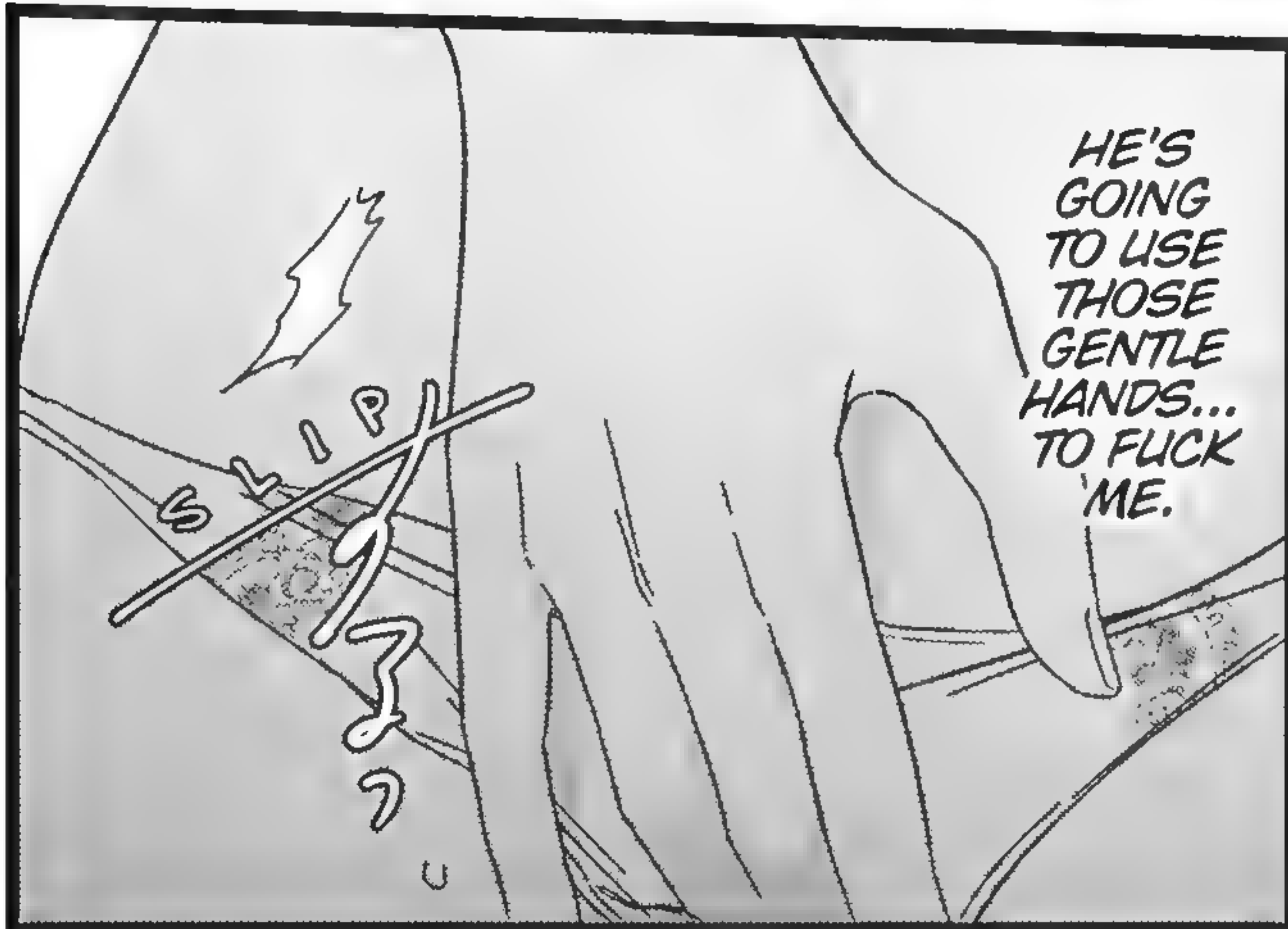
GOODD-?



NO WAY.

I WANT TO SEE ALL OF YOU.

HOLST  
~~~~~



HE'S GOING TO USE THOSE GENTLE HANDS... TO FLICK ME.

SLIP

~~~~~



AAH!

JOLT  
~~~~~



smch  
~~~~~

Mm...

THIS BEAUTIFUL MAN...

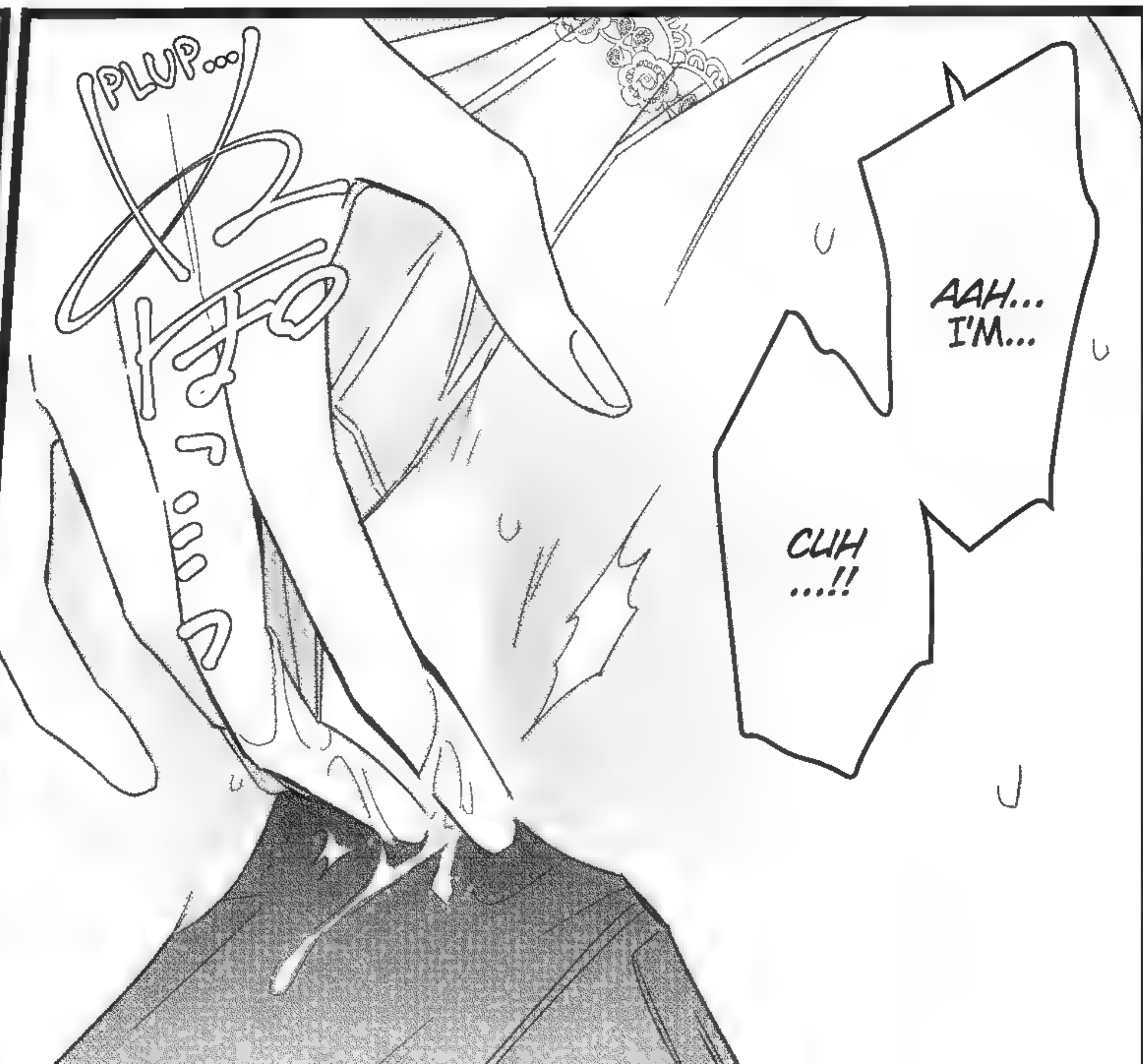
smch  
~~~~~

Mmh...

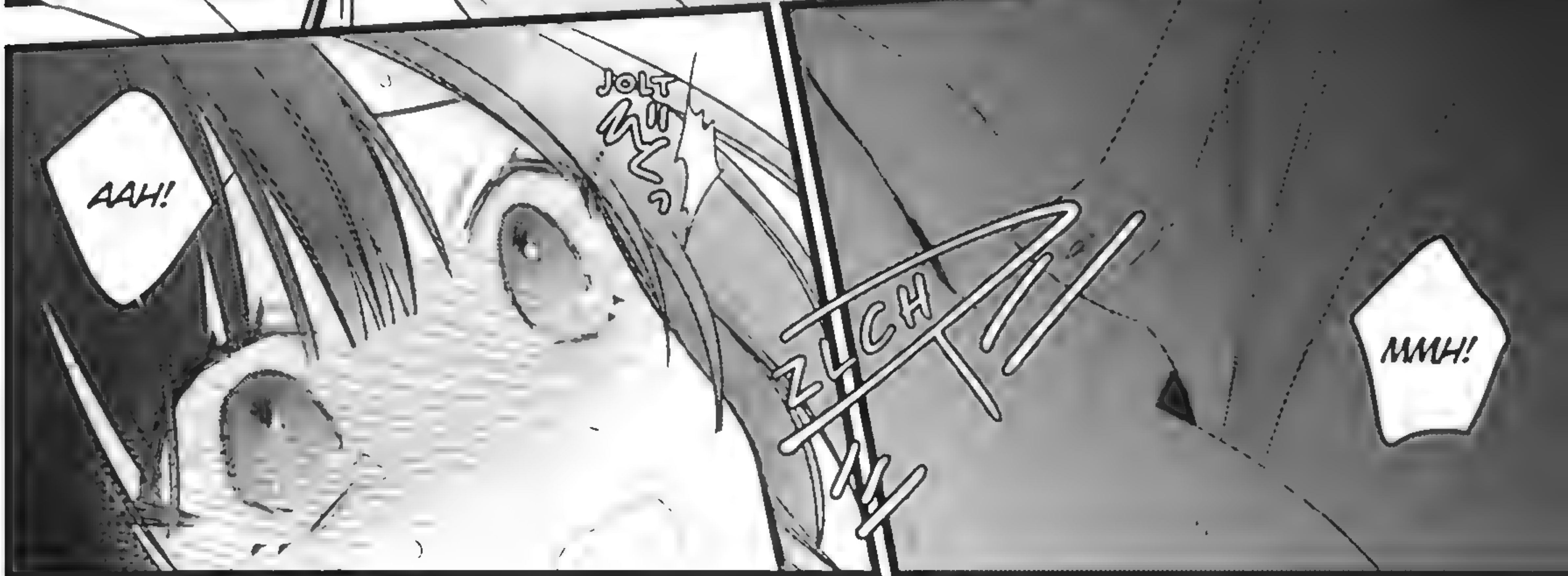
Hhh...

Haah...





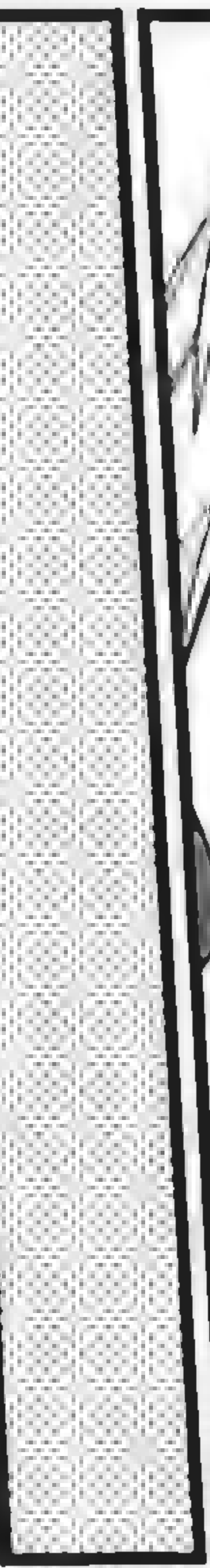




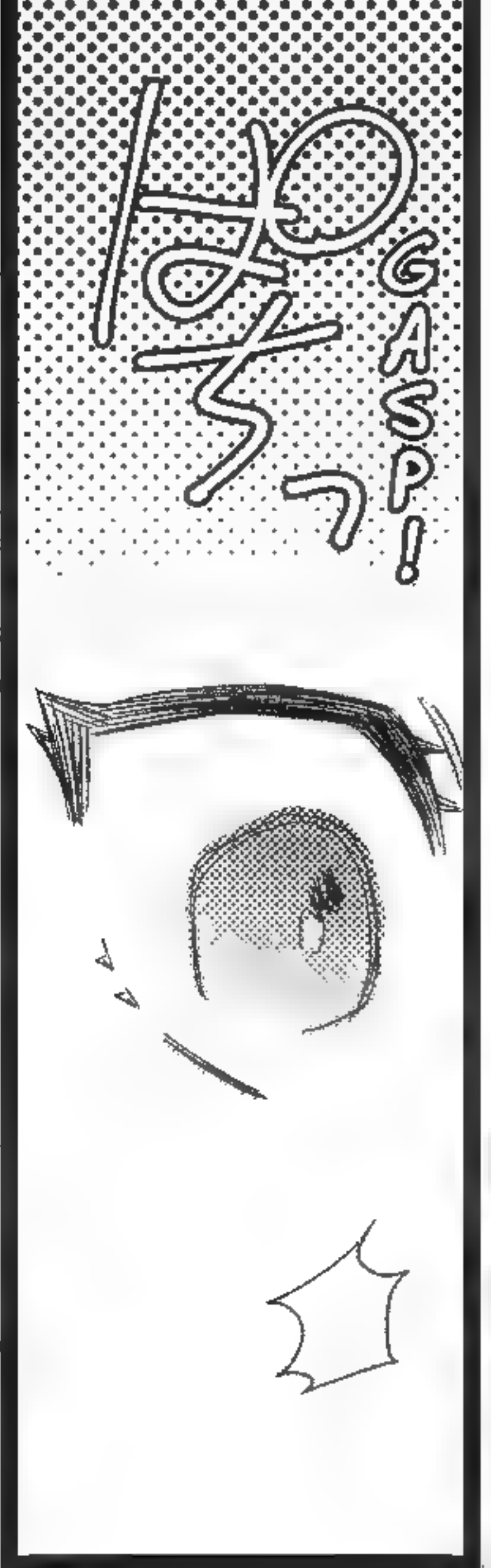












MM...?

GASP!



★ SPRING



SIDE NOTE...



RIGHT! I GOT DRUNK, YUZUKI-KUN WALKED ME HOME...

OH GOD, WE HAD SEX!



★ HII HII 7

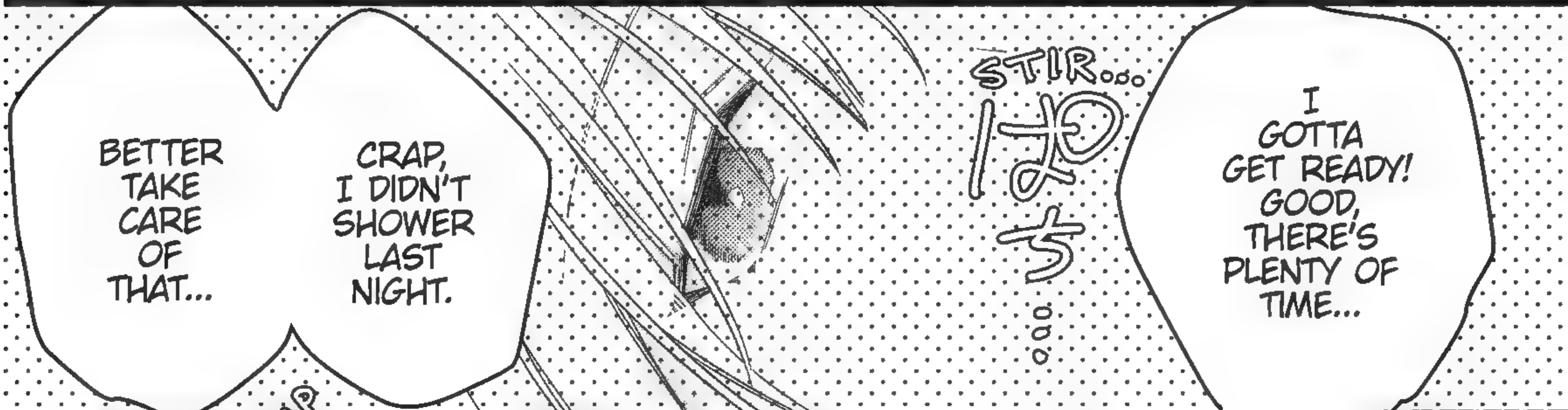




IS  
THIS  
EVEN  
REAL  
LIFE?

NOT A  
DREAM  
OR ANY-  
THING?

HIS  
FACE IS  
FLAWLESS  
EVEN  
WHEN  
HE'S OUT  
COLD!



BETTER  
TAKE  
CARE  
OF  
THAT...

CRAP,  
I DIDN'T  
SHOWER  
LAST  
NIGHT.

STIR...

125

I  
GOTTA  
GET READY!  
GOOD,  
THERE'S  
PLENTY OF  
TIME...



FLUMP



WHA--?!

GRAB





...



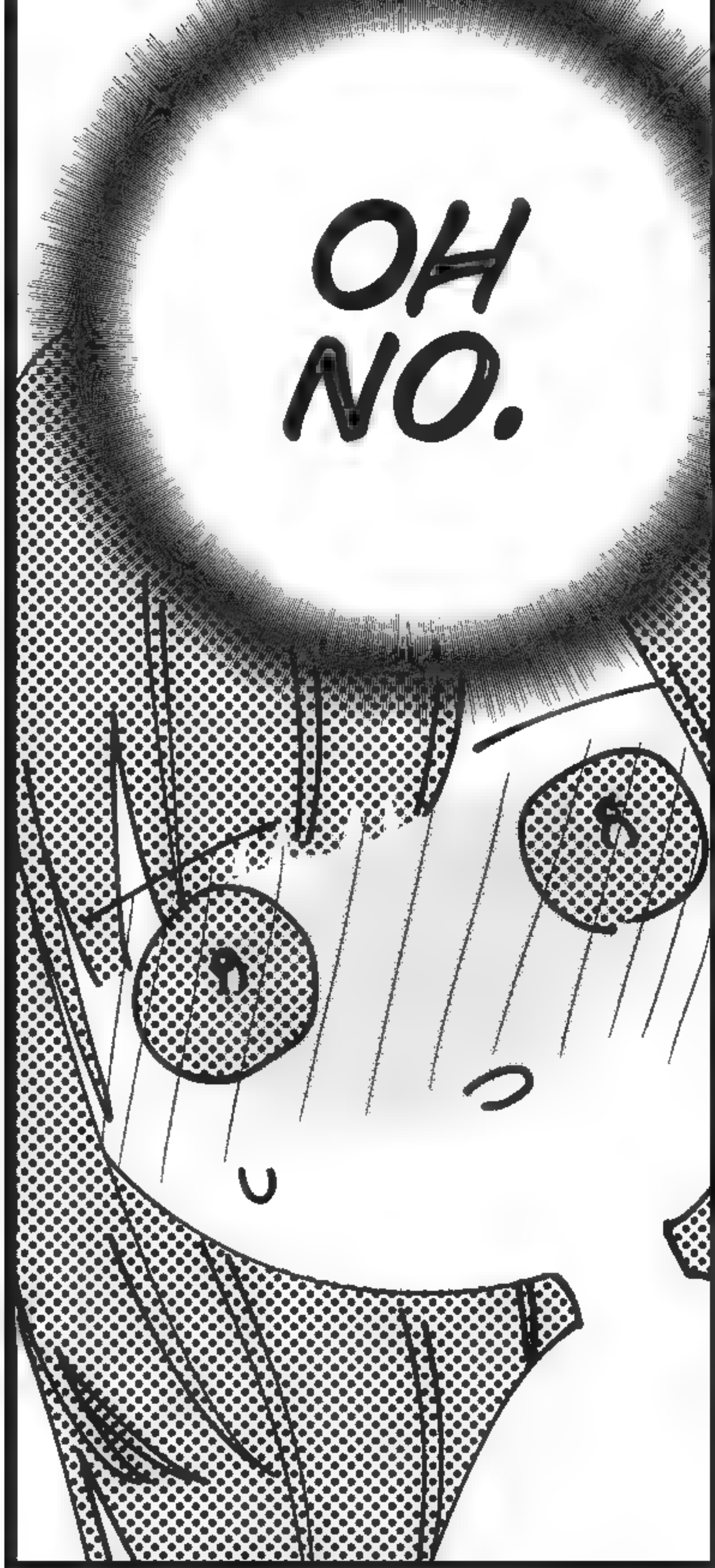
HM...

GOOD  
MORN-  
ING?

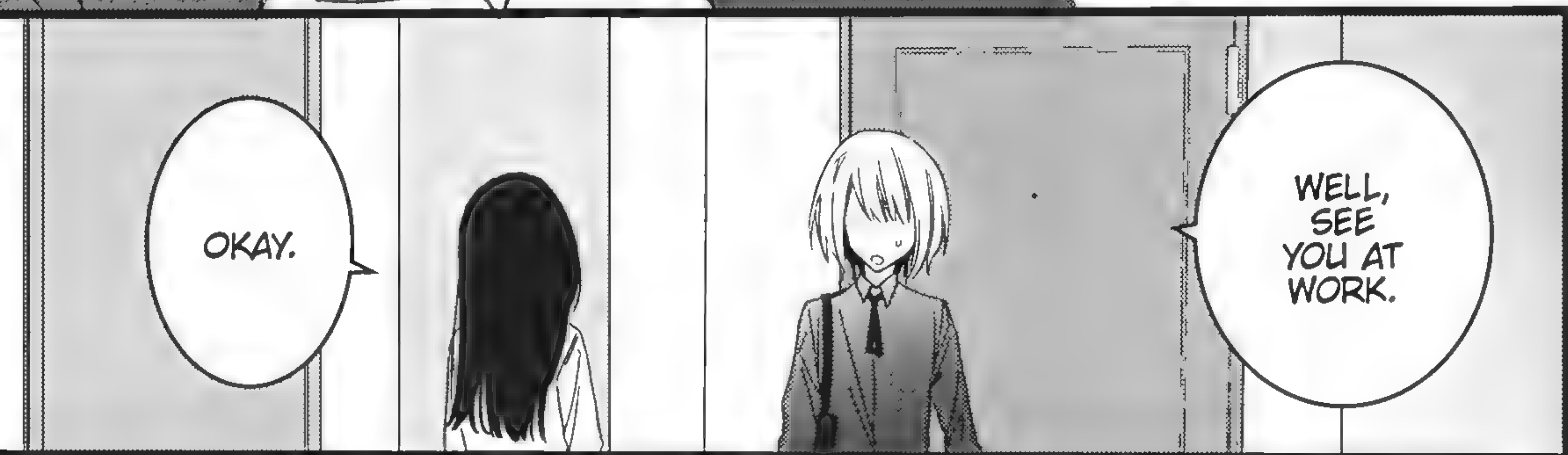
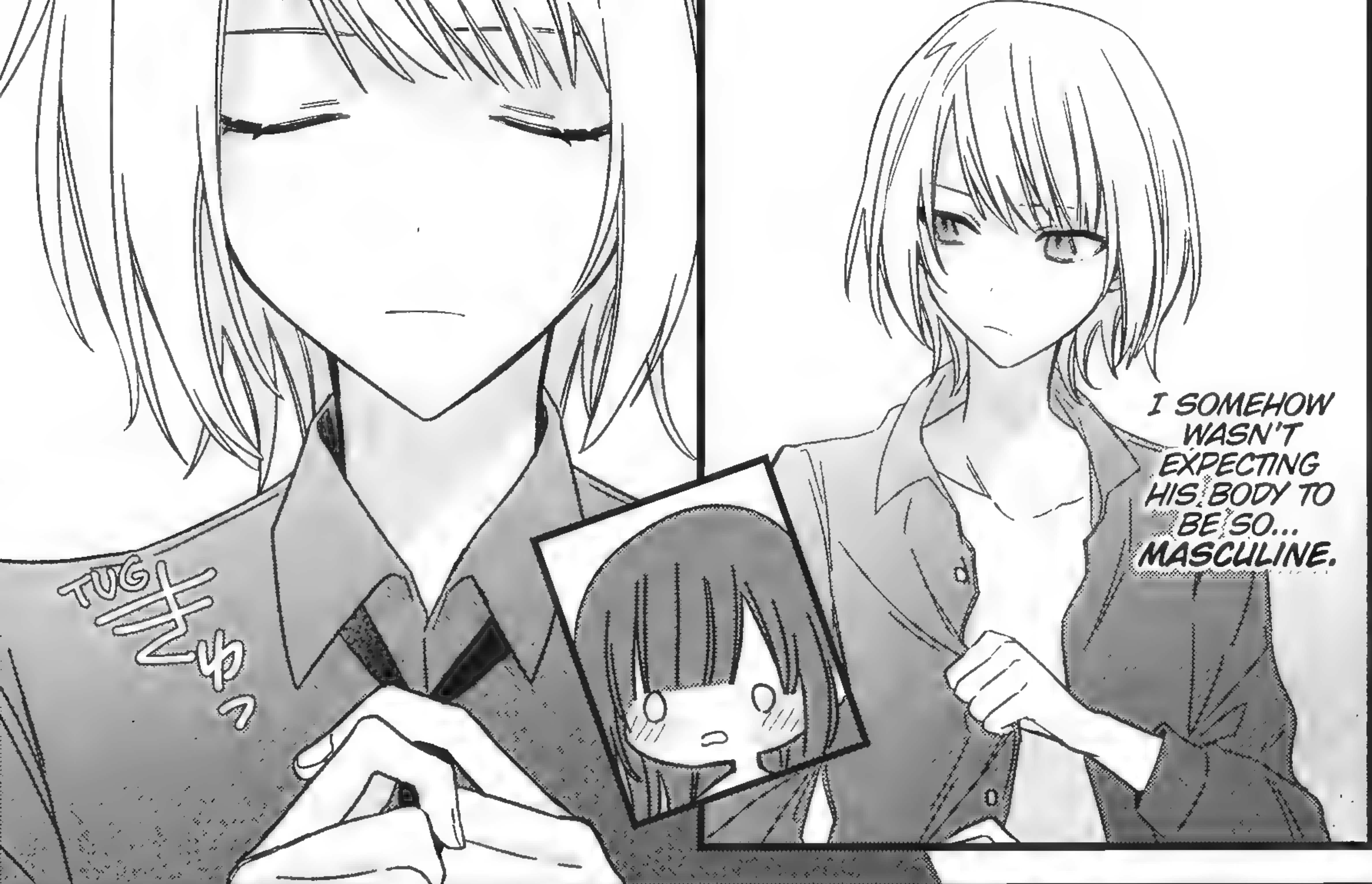
SO IT  
WASN'T...

ALL A  
DREAM  
...?











GASPI!



UM...  
WEAR  
SOMETHING  
WITH A  
HIGH  
COLLAR  
TODAY,  
MAYBE.

SORRY.



MORNING,  
KANNA!  
BET YOU  
HAD FUN  
LAST  
NIGHT!

SMACK

Oww!

FLINCH

IF HE  
HADN'T  
POINTED  
IT OUT, I  
WOULDN'T  
HAVE  
CAUGHT  
IT!

Thank  
god...

AAAAAAH!!!





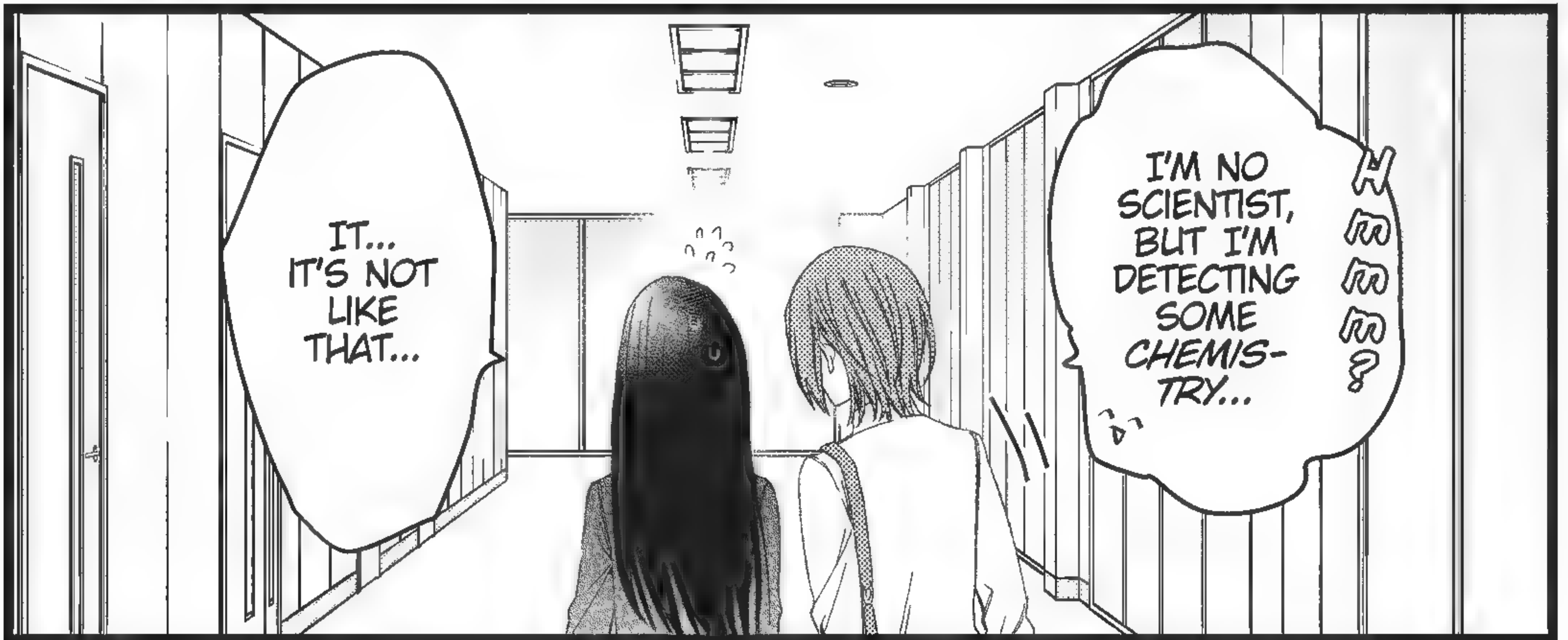
UH...  
FINE!

Oh really?  
AND WHY  
ARE YOU  
BLUSHING,  
PRAY  
TELL?



I ASKED  
ICHIKAWA-  
KUN TO TAKE  
YOU HOME.  
HOW'D IT  
GO, HMM?

YOU WERE  
TOTALLY  
SLOSHED,  
SO...



IT...  
IT'S NOT  
LIKE  
THAT...

I'M NO  
SCIENTIST,  
BUT I'M  
DETECTING  
SOME  
CHEMIS-  
TRY...

H  
m  
m  
?



NO, MY  
MEMORY'S  
TOO FUZZY.  
I SHOULD  
CONFIRM  
IT WITH  
YUZUKI-KUN  
FIRST.

MAYBE  
IT'S SAFE  
TO TELL  
HER...

WAIT--  
WE'RE  
DATING  
FOR REAL  
NOW,  
AREN'T  
WE?





WHAT FOR?

OH YEAH--  
THE MARKETING  
TEAM'S HAVING A  
GET-TOGETHER  
THIS WEEKEND.



YOU'LL  
BE  
THERE,  
RIGHT,  
KANNA?

YEAH!

A  
WELCOME  
PARTY...

GREAT,  
I'LL LET  
HIM  
KNOW!



IT'S A  
WELCOME  
PARTY FOR  
ICHIKAWA-  
KUN!

NOW  
THAT HE'S  
FULLY  
SETTLED INTO  
HIS ROLE,  
WE WANT  
HIM TO GET  
TO KNOW  
EVERYONE.

AT  
LEAST,  
THAT'S  
WHAT  
MURATA-  
SAN SAID  
IN THE  
EMAIL.

Excited to  
let loose for  
a change!



EVER  
SINCE I FELL  
FOR HIM, I  
GUESS I'VE  
BEEN PUTTING  
WAY MORE  
EFFORT  
INTO MY  
LOOKS.

I WANT  
TO BE AS  
PRETTY AS  
POSSIBLE  
WHEN I'M  
AROUND  
YUZUKI-KUN...

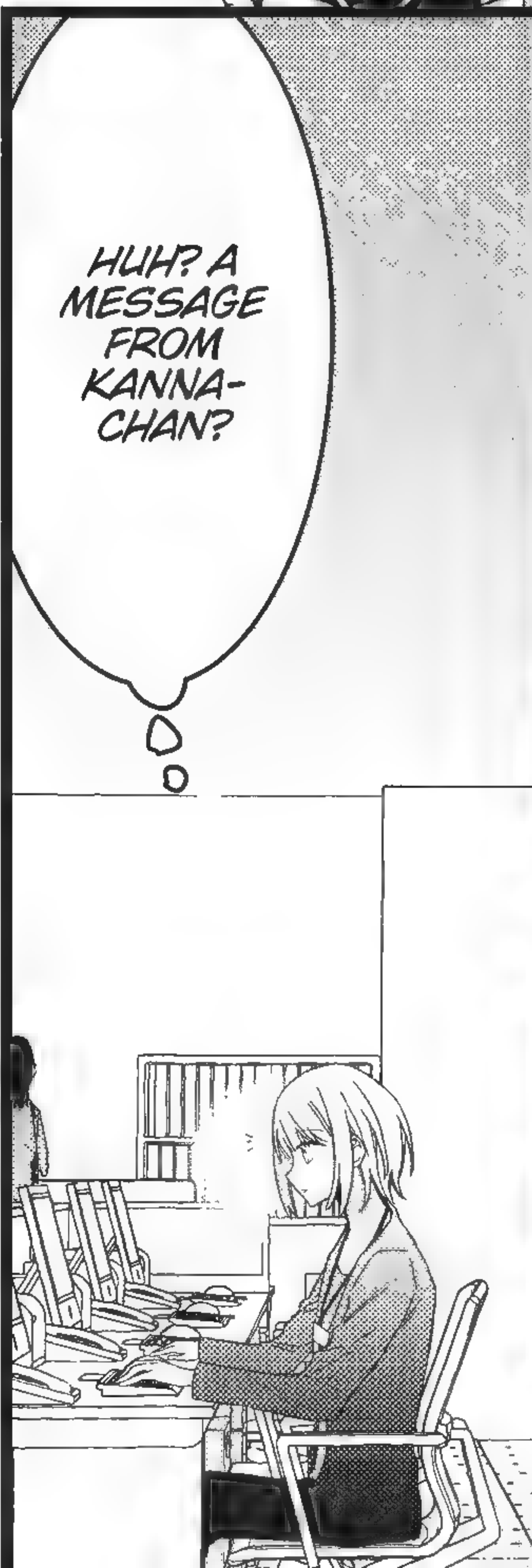
IT'S BEEN  
A WHILE  
SINCE WE  
HAD A  
PROPER  
GET-  
TOGETHER.  
MAYBE I  
SHOULD  
BUY A  
NEW  
OUTFIT...

Is this  
why they  
say "love  
makes you  
beautiful"?

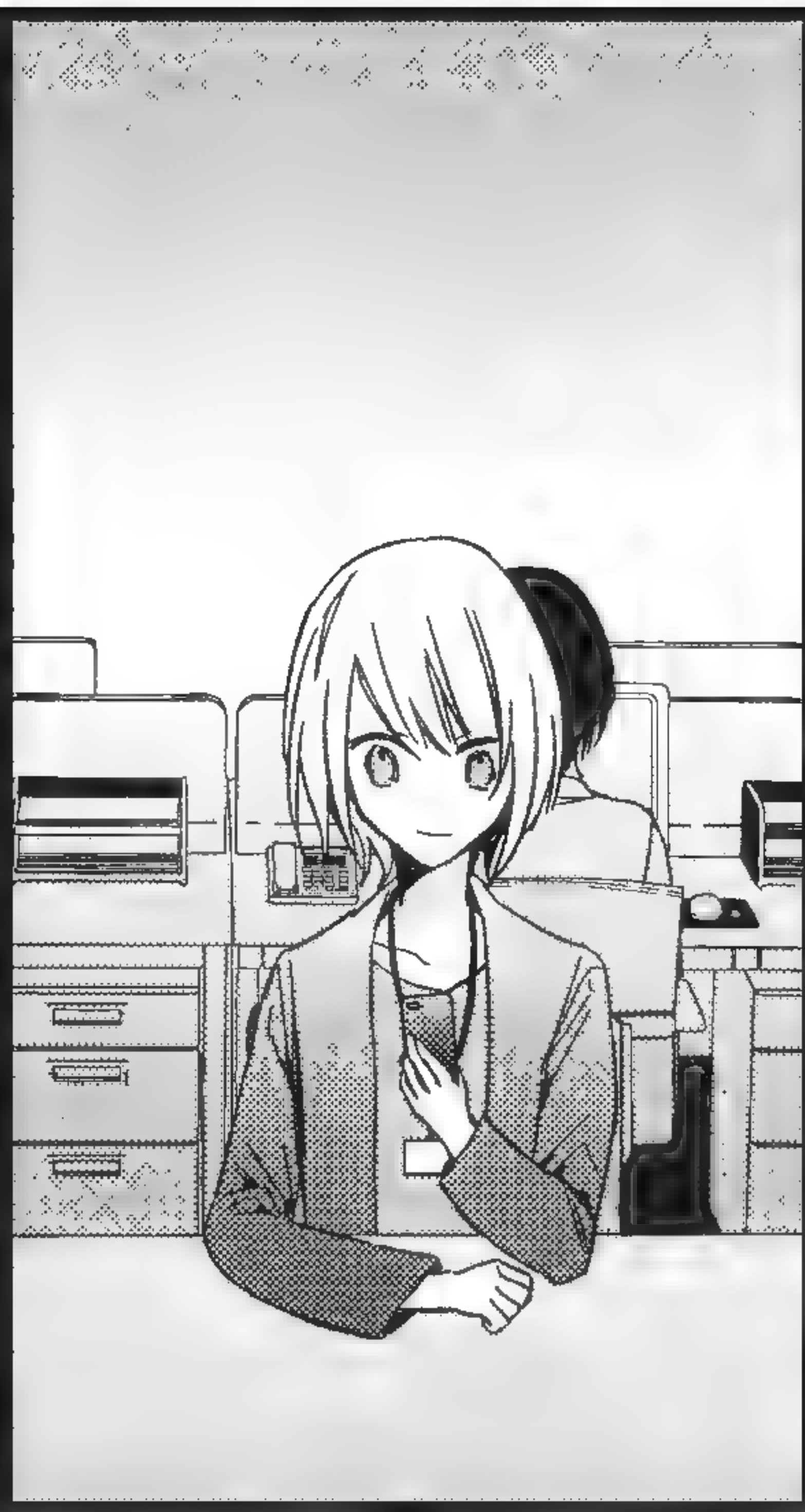
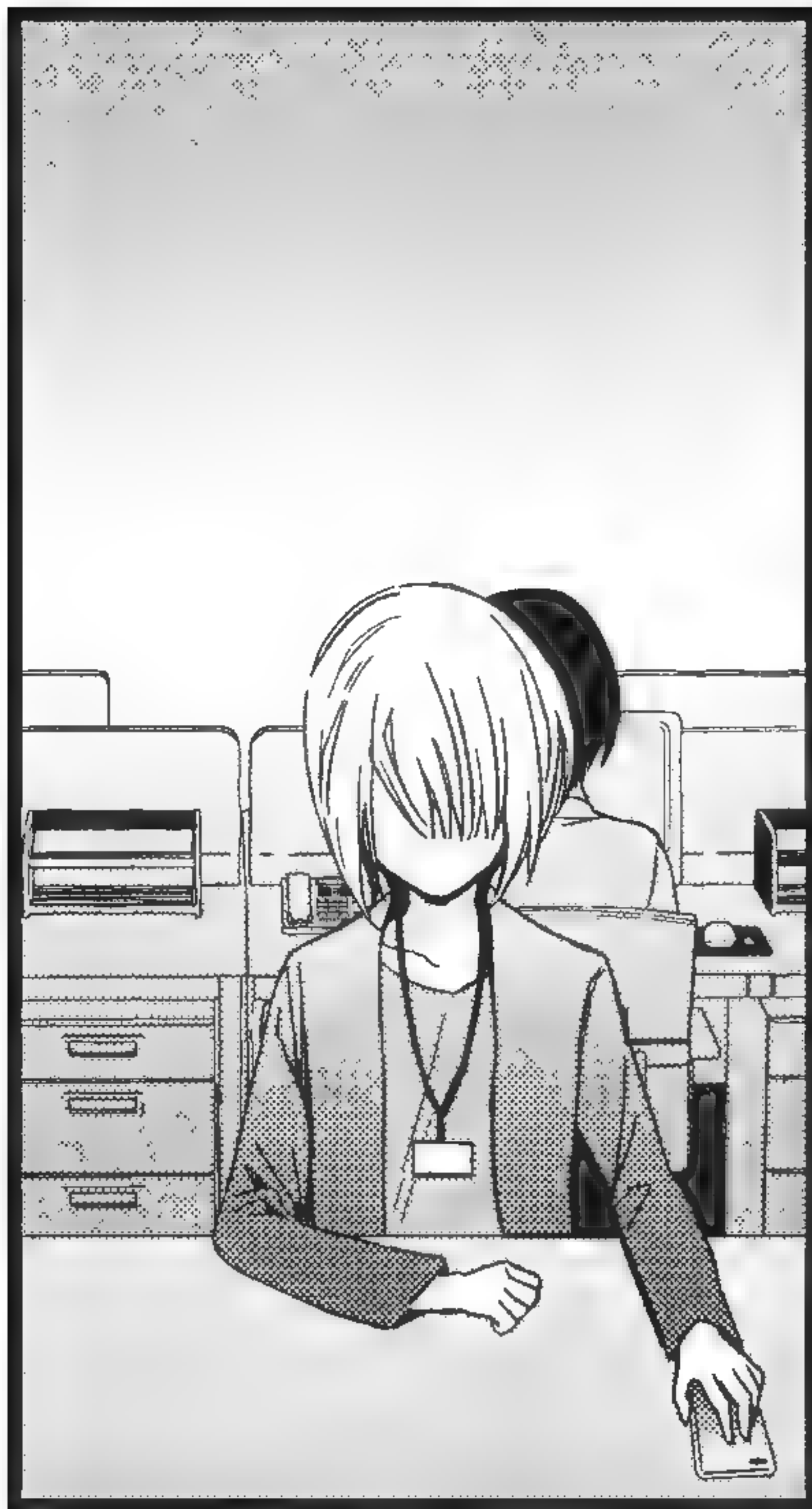


HUH? A  
MESSAGE  
FROM  
KANNA-  
CHAN?

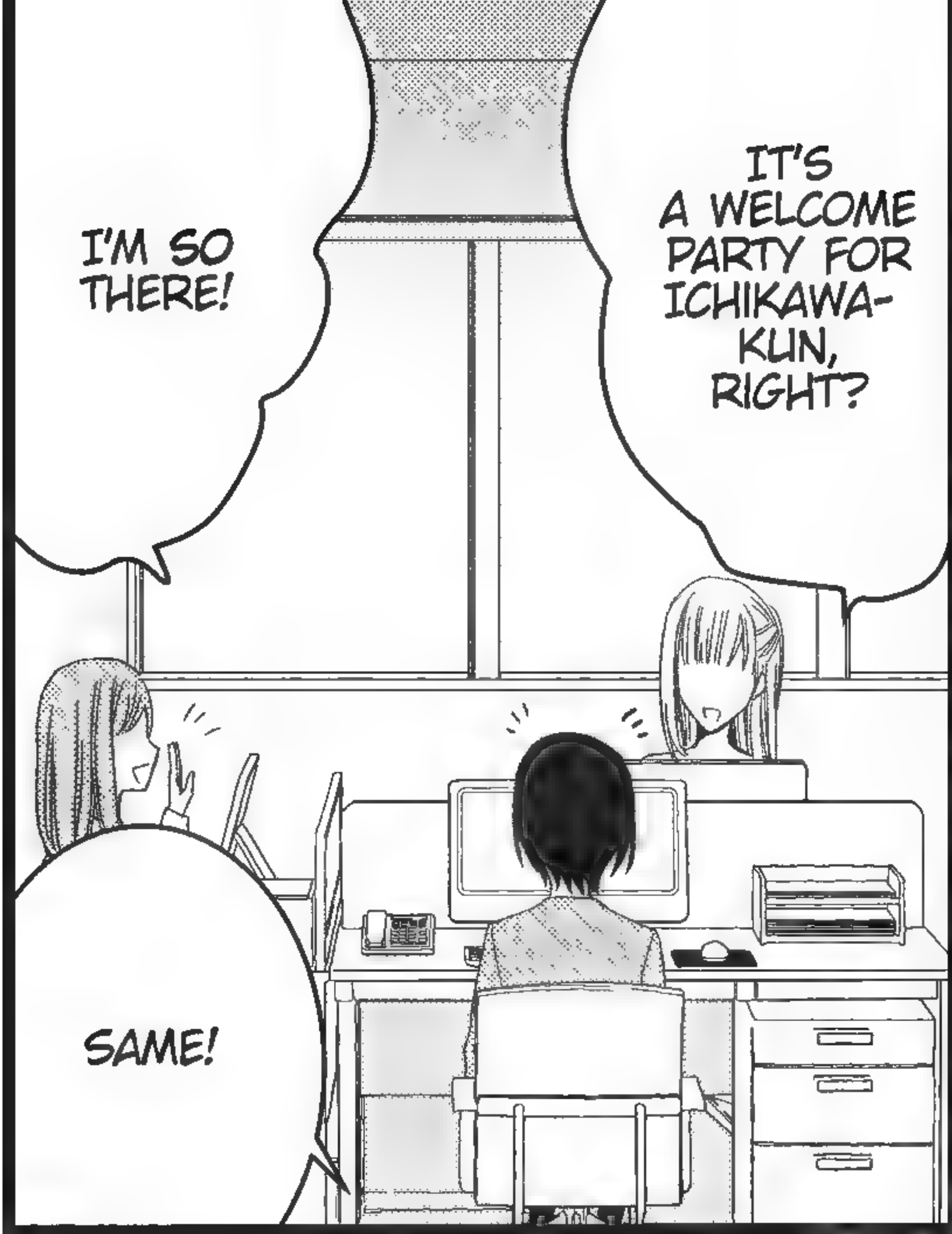
SENT!







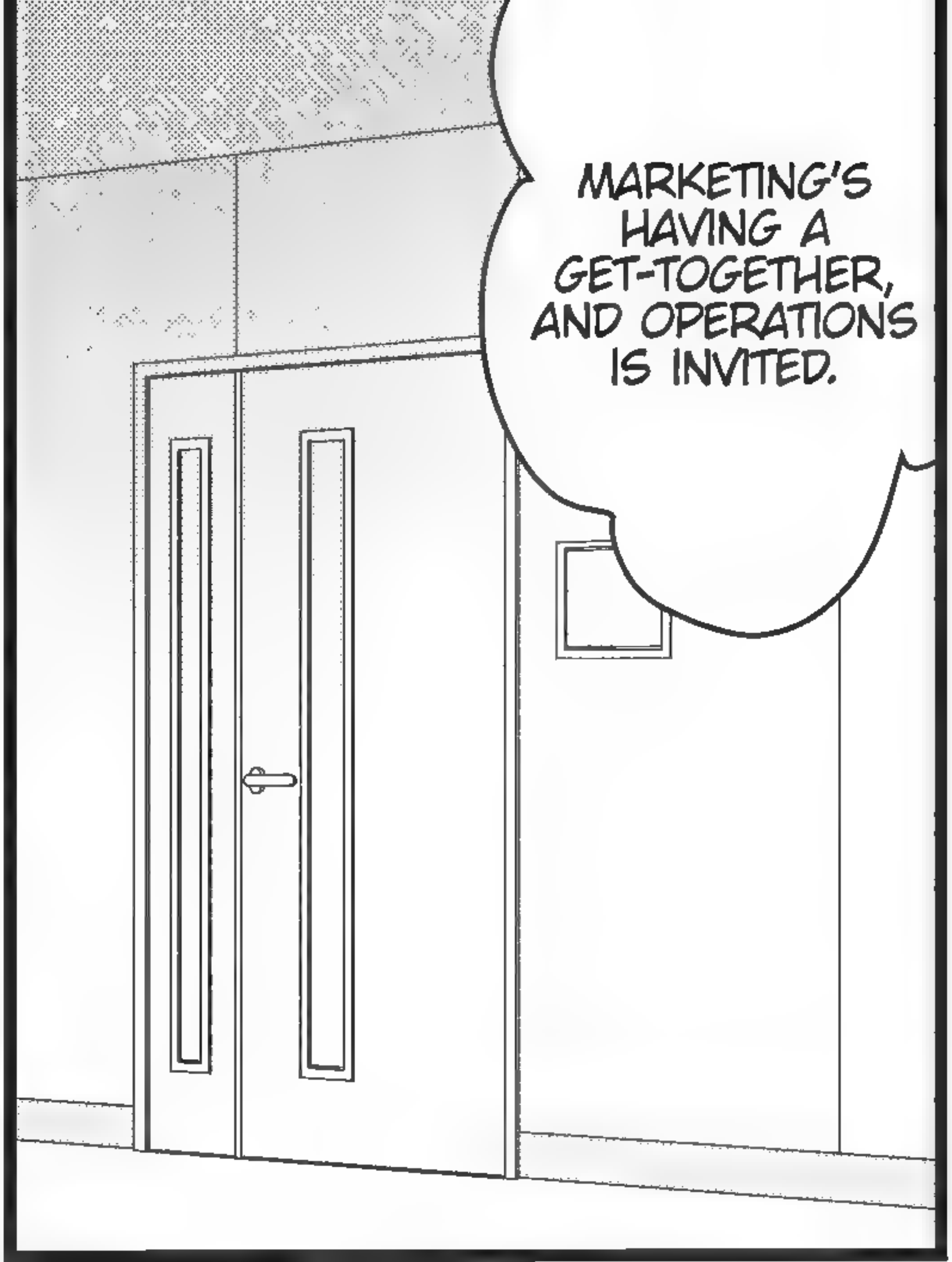




I'M SO THERE!

IT'S A WELCOME PARTY FOR ICHIKAWA-KUN, RIGHT?

SAME!



MARKETING'S HAVING A GET-TOGETHER, AND OPERATIONS IS INVITED.



He's total eye candy!

So excited

BET IT'LL BE ADORABLE!

I WONDER WHAT HE WEARS OUTSIDE OF WORK~!



See you tomorrow!

I GOTTA GO SHOPPING, SO...

Last one out locks the door!

ARE YOU STAYING BEHIND, MIYAKAWA-SAN?





REALLY  
SORRY TO  
GET THESE  
TO YOU AT  
THE LAST  
MINUTE.

NO,  
NO, IT'S  
TOTALLY FINE,  
ICHIKAWA-  
KUN!

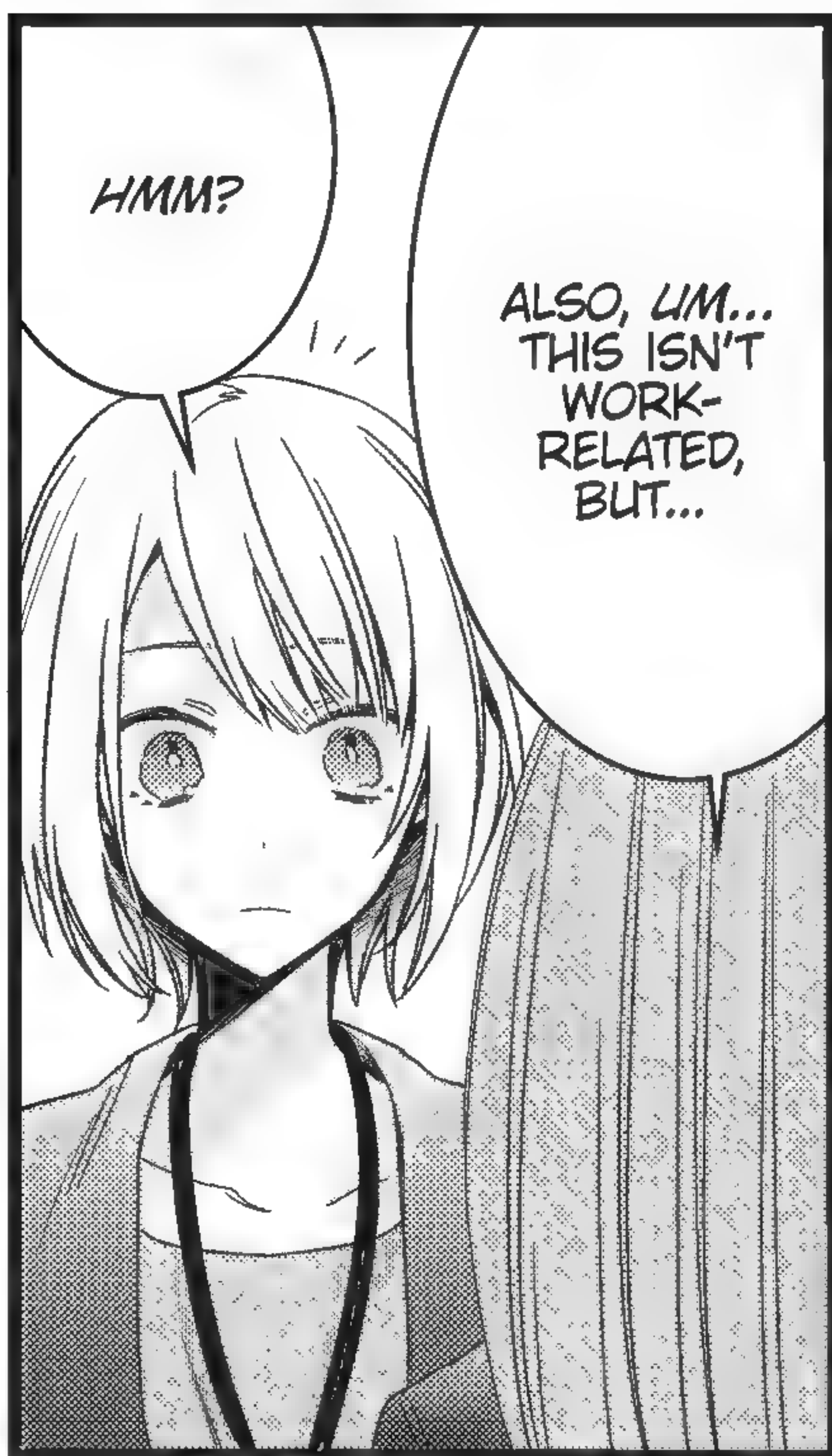
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CREAK  
Hi  
F#

SORRY  
TO BOTHER  
YOU... IT'S  
ICHIKAWA  
FROM MAR-  
KETING...

Oh!



HMM?

ALSO, UM...  
THIS ISN'T  
WORK-  
RELATED,  
BUT...



SO I  
WASN'T  
LATE  
AFTER  
ALL!  
AWESOME!

Oh!

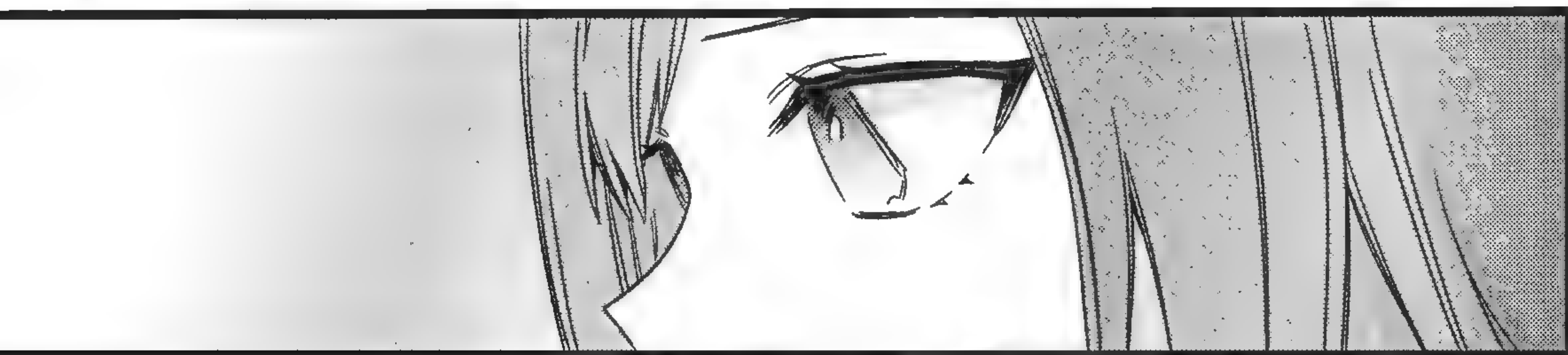
But since  
you're  
already  
here, I'll  
accept  
them  
early!

Phew!

OH, THESE  
THINGS?  
TECHNICAL-  
LY THEY  
AREN'T  
DUE UNTIL  
TOMOR-  
ROW.

I WAS  
JUST  
GETTING  
READY TO  
CLOCK  
OUT.

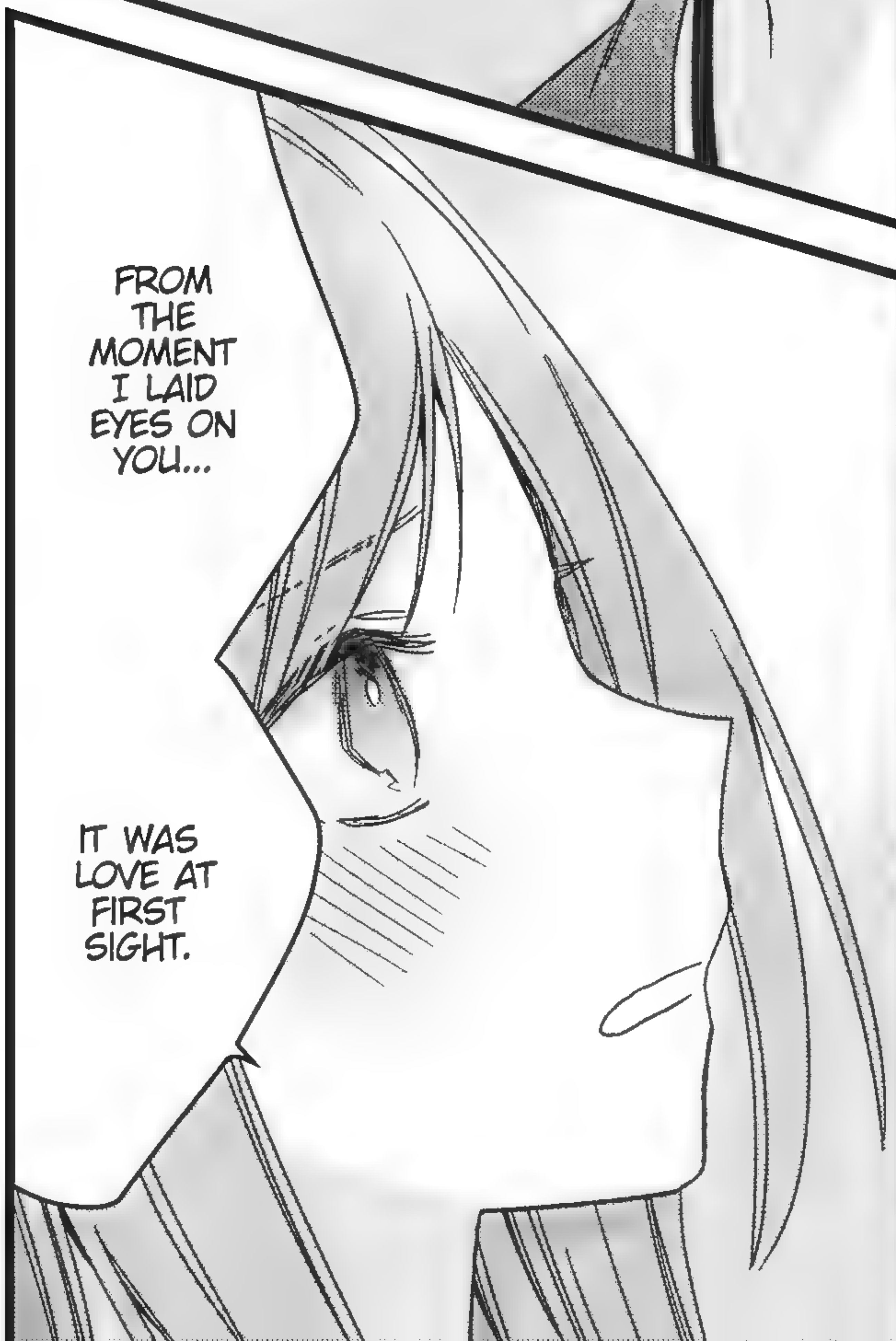








WHAT?



FROM  
THE  
MOMENT  
I LAID  
EYES ON  
YOU...

IT WAS  
LOVE AT  
FIRST  
SIGHT.



I HAVE  
FEELINGS  
FOR YOU,  
ICHIKAWA-  
KUN.





SHE'D ONLY JUST  
BROKEN  
UP WITH  
SOME  
OTHER  
GUY.

I  
WAS  
SURE  
SHE WAS  
USING  
YOU AS  
A RE-  
BOUND.



WHEN  
YOU TOLD  
ME YOU  
WERE  
SEEING  
NISHIMURA-  
SAN...

AT  
FIRST, I  
COULDN'T  
ACCEPT  
IT.

G  
R  
I  
P  
...



I'M NOT  
PROUD OF  
IT, BUT I  
LASHED  
OUT AT  
HER.

AND I  
WAS SO  
BITTER  
THAT SHE  
GOT TO  
BE WITH  
YOU...



I  
HAD NO  
IDEA...





PLEASE  
DON'T  
BLAME  
KANNA-  
CHAN.

I'M  
SORRY,  
MIYAKAWA-  
SAN.



I'VE  
BEEN IN  
LOVE WITH  
HER FOR  
YEARS.

FOR AS  
LONG  
AS I'VE  
KNOWN  
HER.



BUT  
YOU  
HAVE IT  
BACK-  
WARDS.  
I WAS  
THE ONE  
TO ASK  
HER  
OUT.

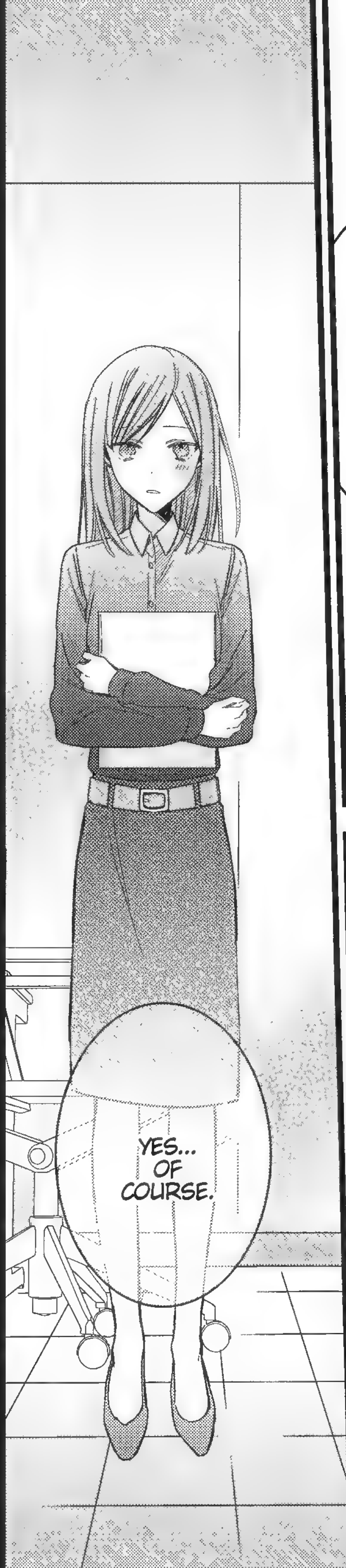
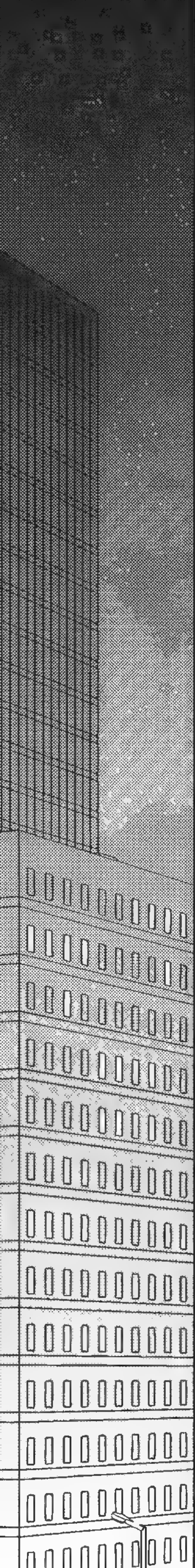
I  
KNOW  
SHE'S  
FRESH  
OUT OF A  
RELATION-  
SHIP.



I DON'T  
FEEL THE  
SAME. I'M  
SORRY.

SO...I'M  
FLATTERED  
YOU FEEL  
THAT WAY  
ABOUT ME,  
BUT...





YES...  
OF  
COURSE.



IF YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
LASH OUT  
AT SOMEONE,  
LASH OUT  
AT ME.

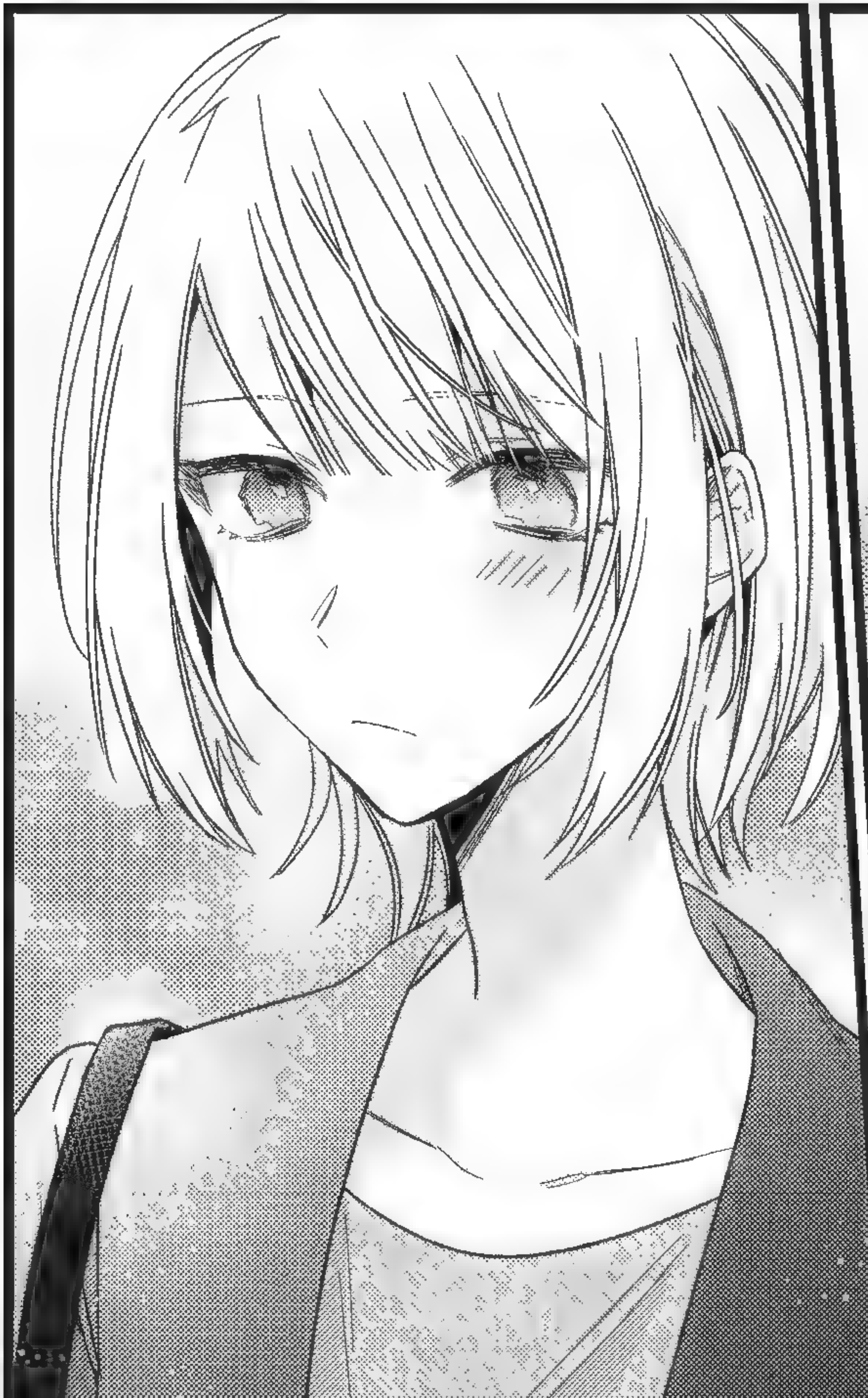
NOT AT  
KANNA-  
CHAN.



MORE  
IMPOR-  
TANTLY...

THANK  
YOU FOR  
YOUR  
HONESTY.

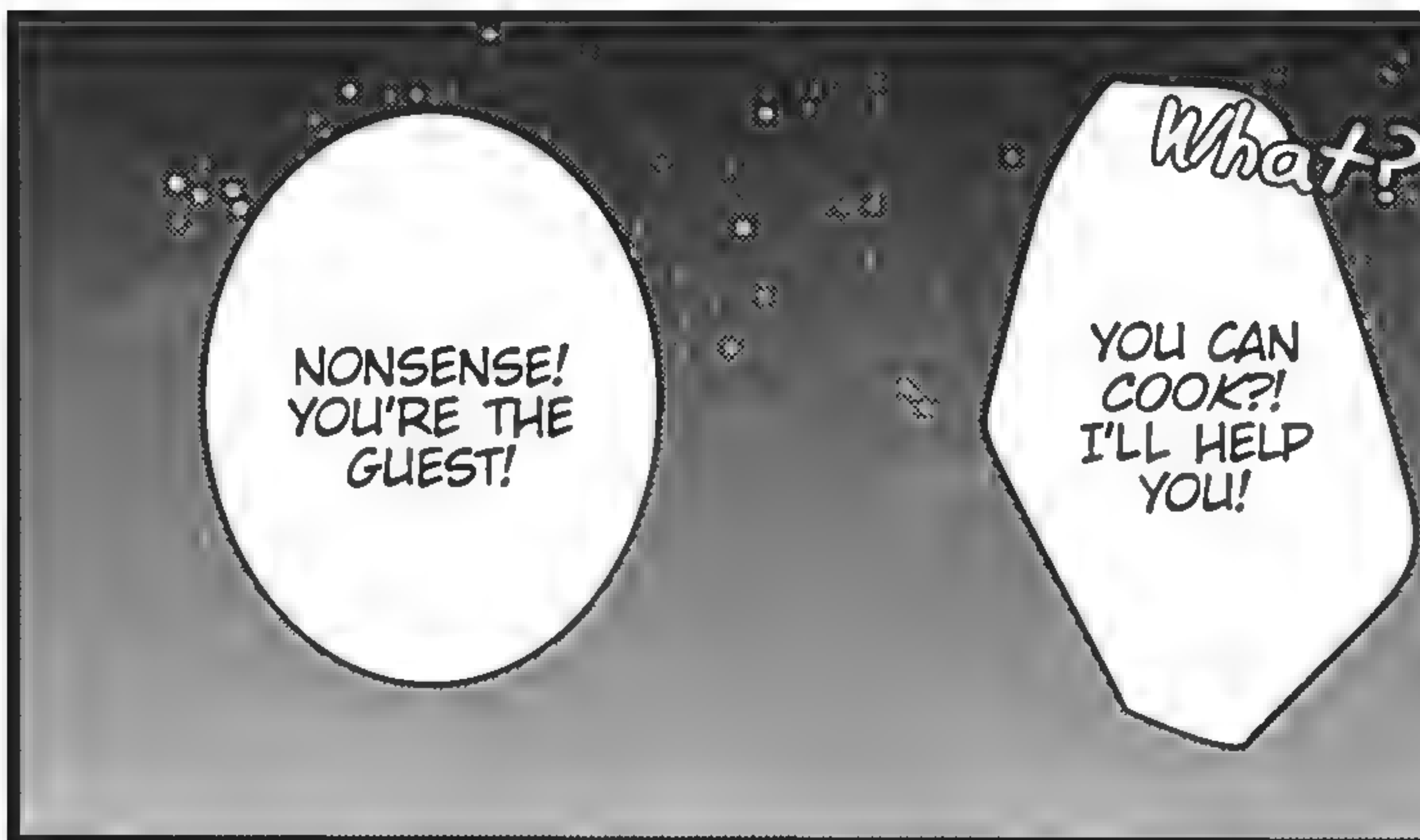




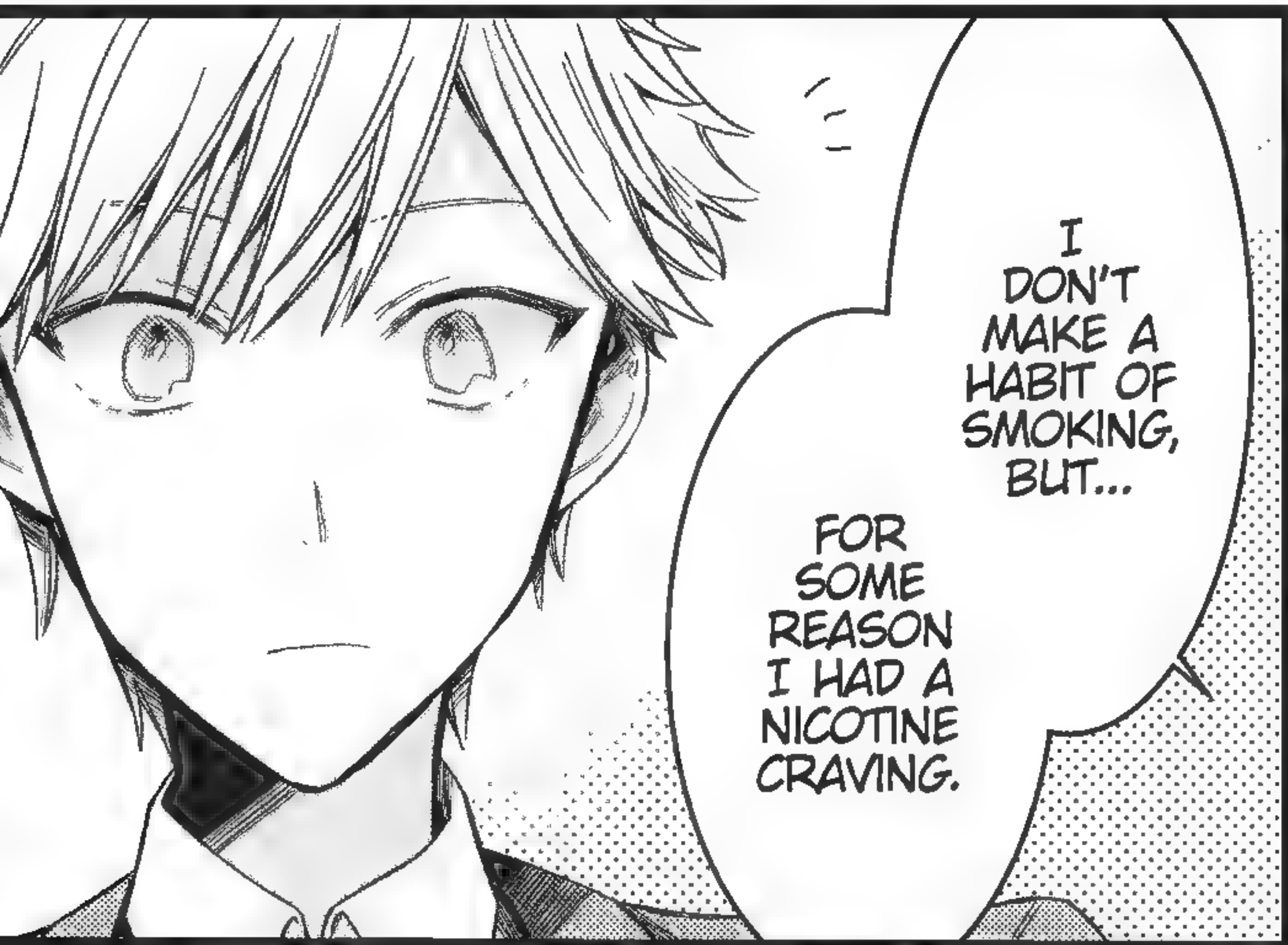


















I Want You  
to Make Me Beautiful



I Want You  
to Make Me Beautiful



chapter

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HE'S  
ASKING  
ME TO  
SLEEP  
OVER?!

COME  
TO  
THINK  
OF IT...

TH-THUMP  
TH-THUMP  
TH-THUMP

I WANNA  
SPEND  
THE WHOLE  
NIGHT  
TOGETHER.

YUZUKI-  
KUN  
SEEMS...

KIND  
OF SAD  
TODAY.

WHICH  
MEANS...









AH,  
MAKES  
SENSE.

ONCE  
I GOT  
TIRED OF  
TAKEOUT,  
I HAD NO  
CHOICE  
BUT TO  
LEARN.

I'VE  
BEEN  
LIVING ON  
MY OWN  
EVER SINCE  
I TRANS-  
FERRED  
HERE...



HE DOES  
EXPECT  
ME TO  
SPEND  
THE  
NIGHT,  
RIGHT?



HEY,  
UM...

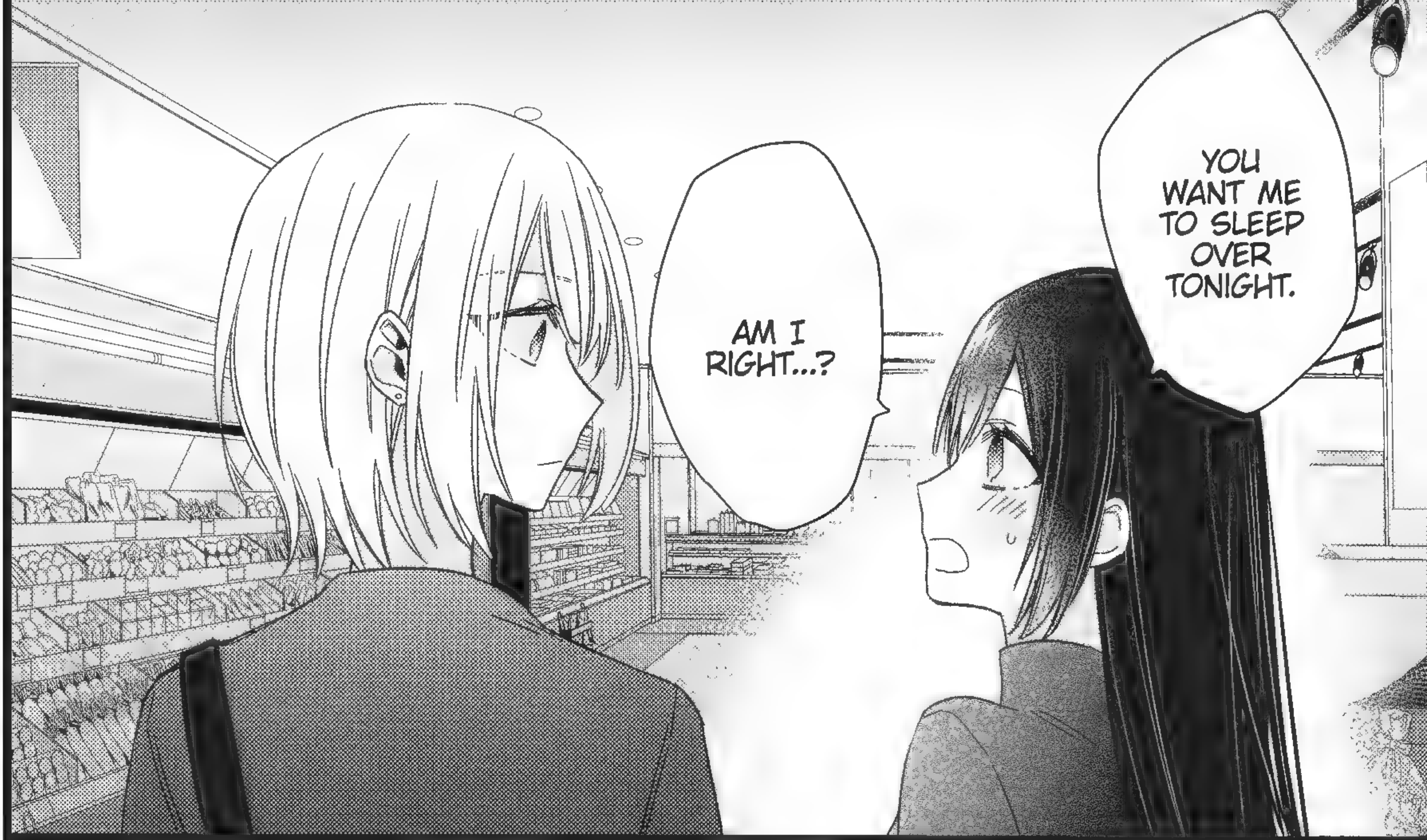


Um...  
TO BE  
HONEST, I  
TRY NOT  
TO. I'M...  
NOT VERY  
GOOD  
AT IT.

WHAT  
ABOUT  
YOU?

Ha ha!  
MAYBE  
WE SHOULD  
PRACTICE  
TOGETHER,  
THEN.





AM I  
RIGHT...?

YOU  
WANT ME  
TO SLEEP  
OVER  
TONIGHT.



YEAH,  
OF  
COURSE  
I DO.

WHAT?



NO,  
NO,  
IT'S  
COOL  
!!!

AAA-  
AAAGGH-  
HH!!!



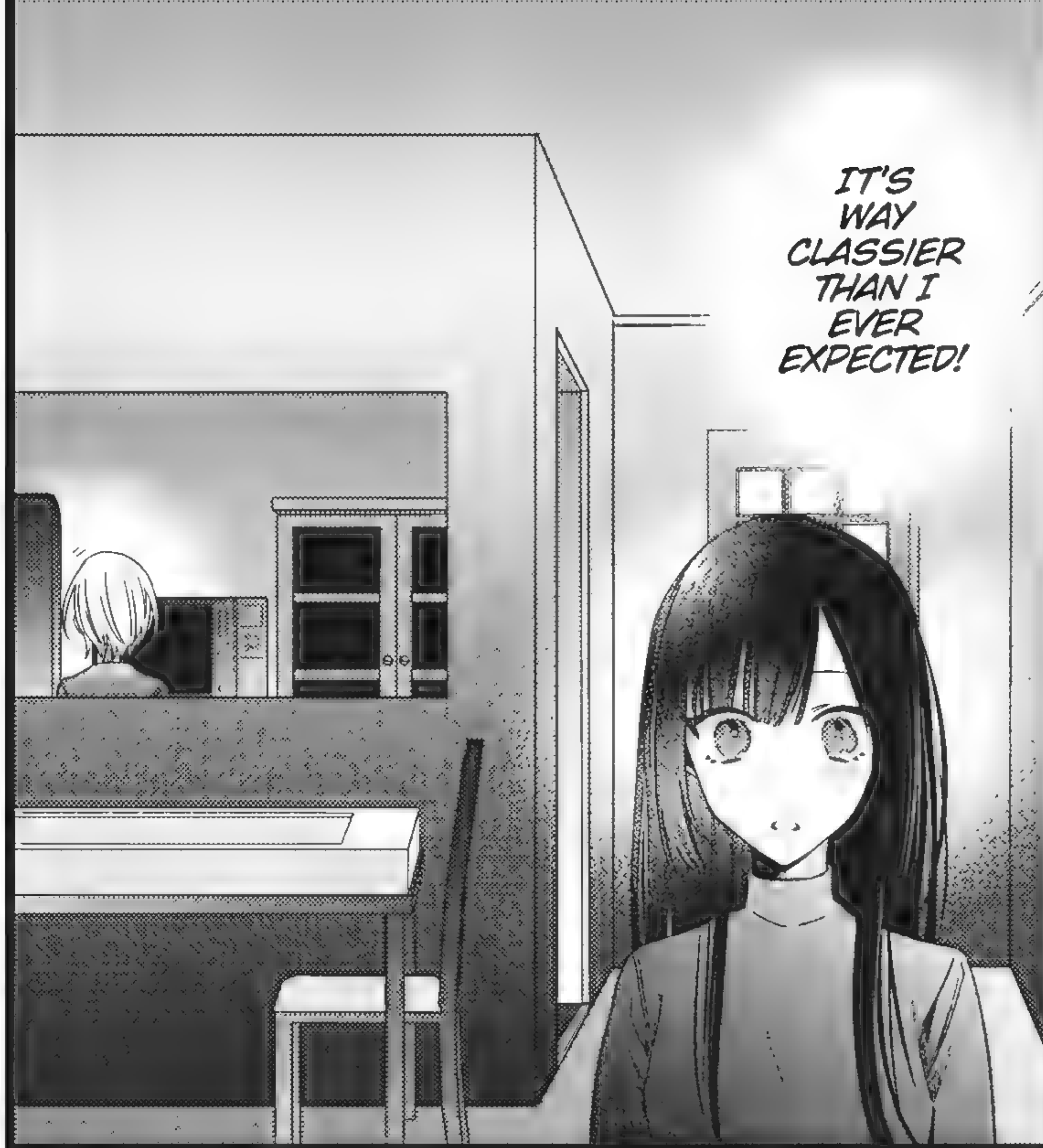
Um...

IS  
THAT  
NOT  
COOL?

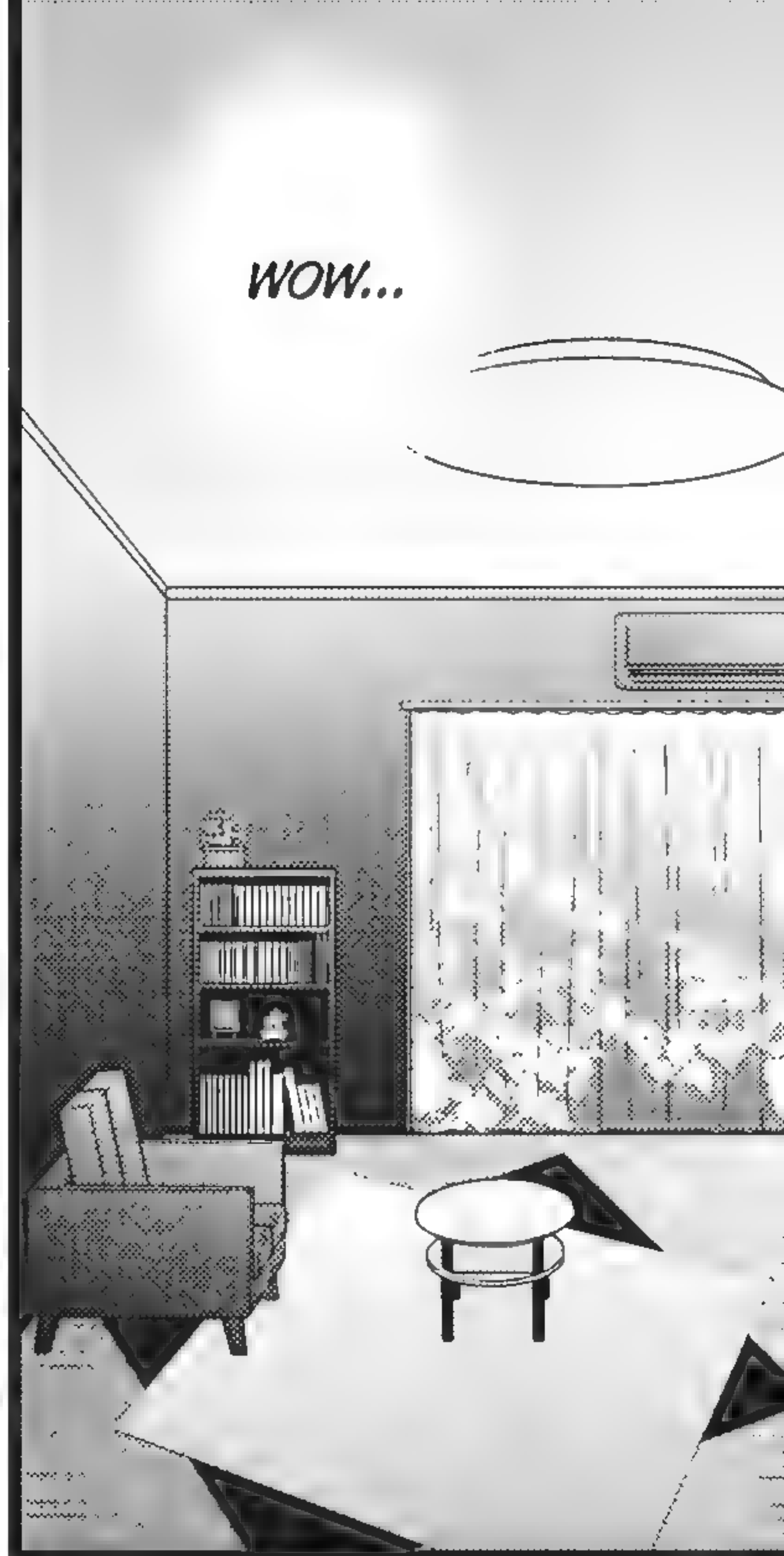








IT'S  
WAY  
CLASSIER  
THAN I  
EVER  
EXPECTED!



WOW...



DIDN'T  
HE HAVE A  
FAVORITE  
MODEL OR  
SOME-  
THING  
...?



I THINK I  
REMEMBER  
HIM READ-  
ING THOSE  
WAY BACK  
WHEN!

Oh!  
THOSE  
MAGA-  
ZINES!



YOU  
CAN GO  
TAKE A  
SHOWER  
IF YOU  
LIKE.

OKAY,  
I'M  
GONNA  
START  
COOKING.





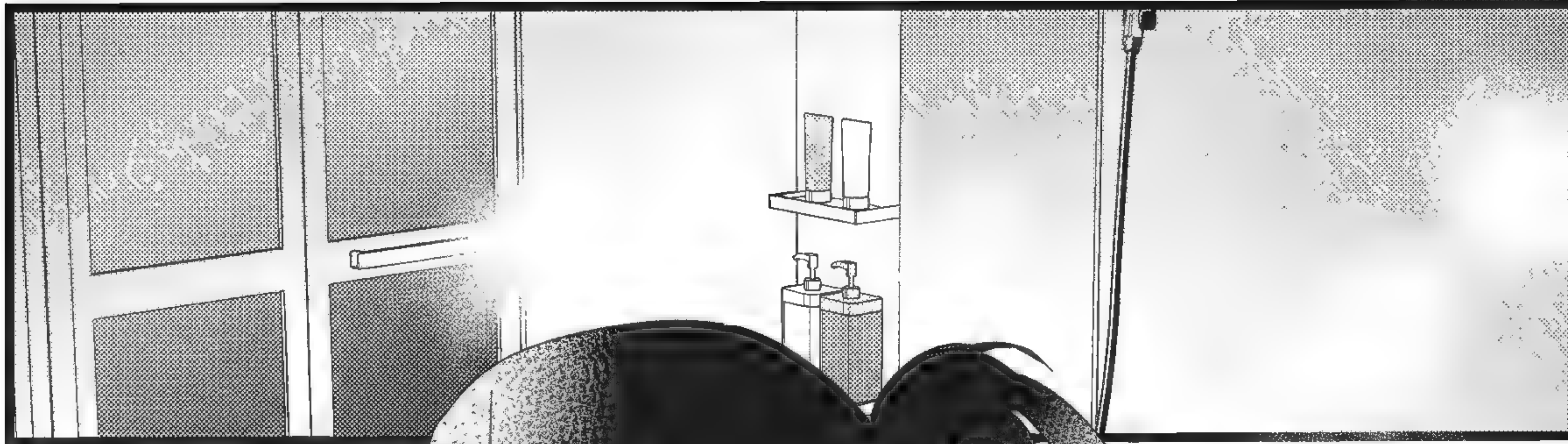
TUG

HE'S...

ALMOST  
LIKE A  
LITTLE  
HOUSEWIFE  
IN THAT  
APRON...

HE'S SO  
DOMESTIC!





SPLASH...

FINALLY,  
SOME  
RELAXATION  
TIME.



YOU  
CAN  
STILL  
SEE THE  
HICKEYS  
ON MY  
NECK.



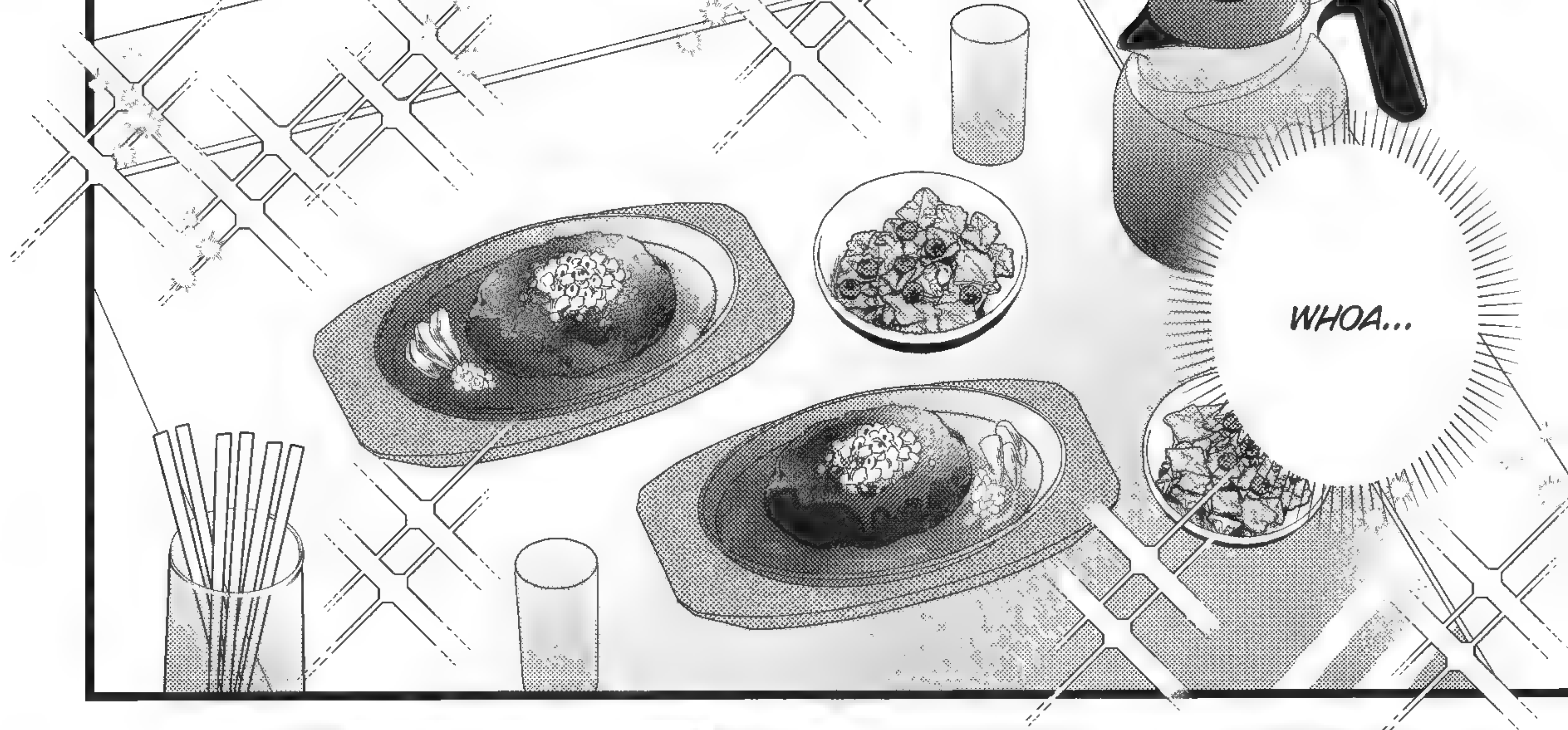
I GOTTA  
STEP UP  
MY GAME...

THE MORE  
TIME I  
SPEND WITH  
YUZUKI-KUN,  
THE MORE  
PERFECT HE  
SEEMS.

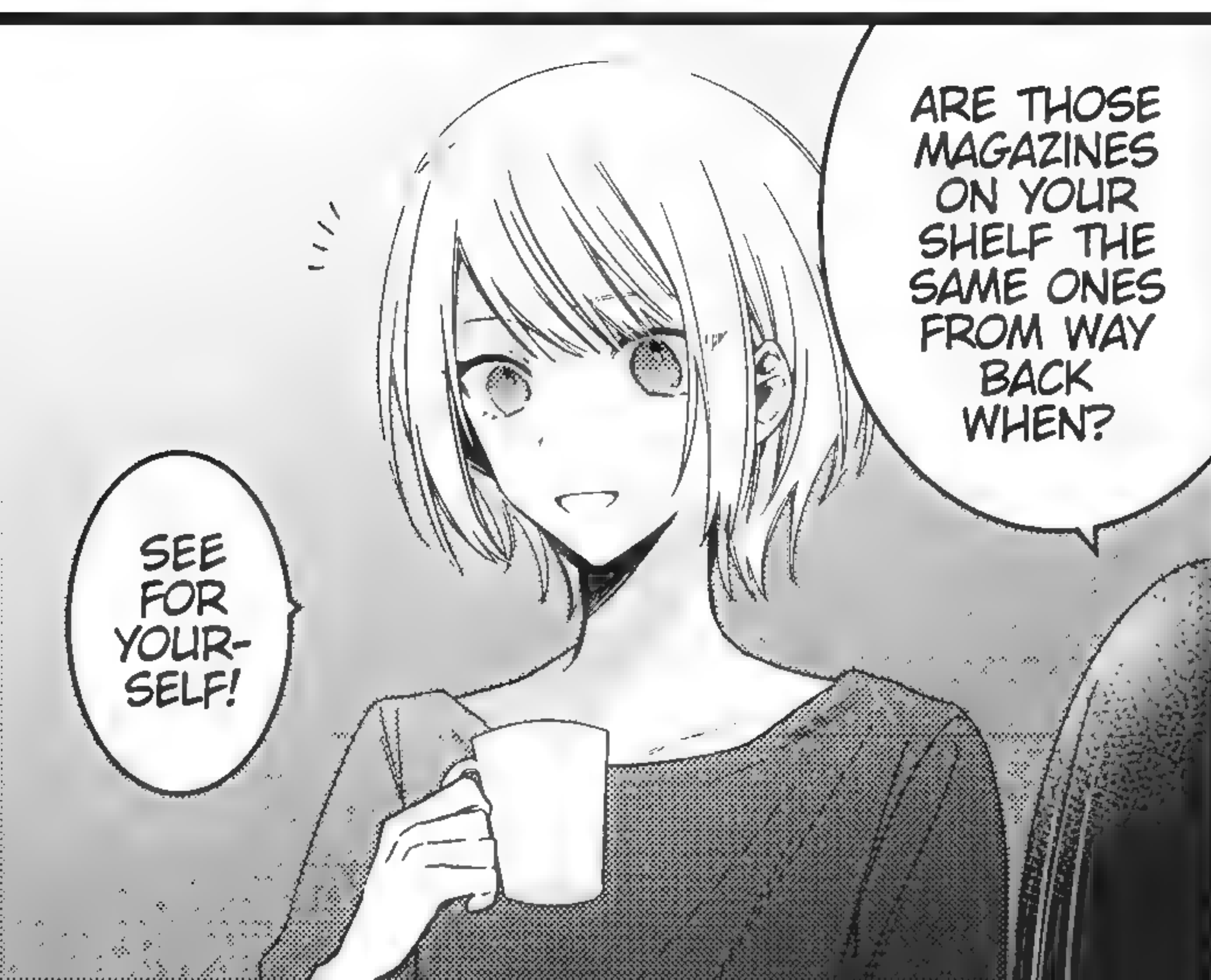
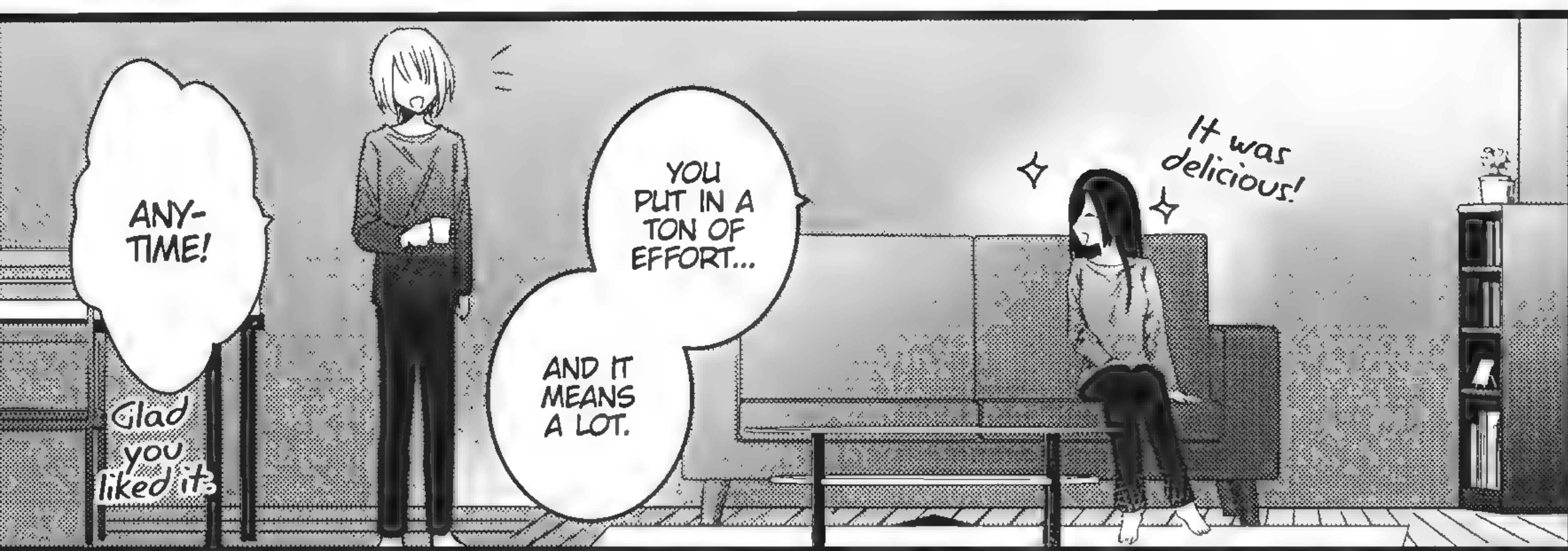




















Ichi-  
kawa!

Whatcha  
doin'?

BACK IN  
JUNIOR  
HIGH...

YUZUKI (AGE 14)

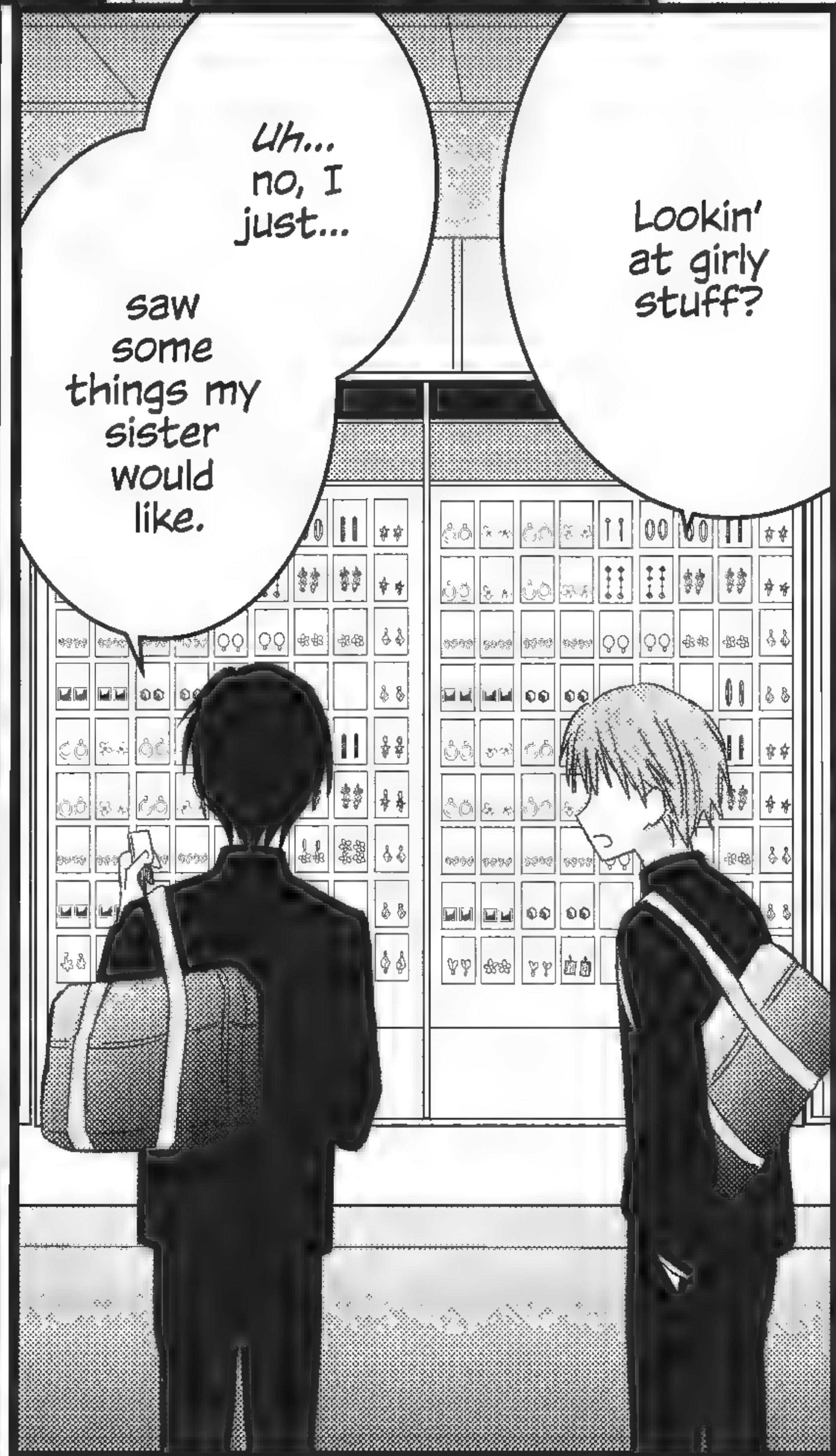


Oh,  
shut  
up.

Hell,  
I bet  
you could  
wear 'em  
yourself!

Prettyboy!

IN  
TRUTH...



Uh...  
no, I  
just...

saw  
some  
things my  
sister  
would  
like.

Lookin'  
at girly  
stuff?



I WAS A BOY.  
EVERYONE WOULD  
JUDGE ME.

I DIDN'T  
DARE ADMIT  
THE TRUTH  
TO ANYONE.

I WAS SO  
SCARED  
OF WHAT  
OTHER  
PEOPLE  
THOUGHT...

AROUND THEN, WHILE  
READING A MAGAZINE  
FEATURING A MODEL I  
ADMIRER, I DISCOVERED  
THE "GENDERLESS"  
FASHION SUBCULTURE.

I DREAMED  
OF THE DAY  
THAT I, TOO,  
COULD TRULY  
EXPRESS  
MYSELF.

So  
that's  
your  
biggest  
dream?

I WAS  
OBSESSED  
WITH MAKEUP,  
ACCESSORIES,  
AND ALL  
THINGS CUTE.

I WANTED  
TO WEAR  
THEM--AND  
LOOK GOOD  
IN THEM.

BUT HOW  
COULD I?





I'm sure  
you'll look  
adorable!

That's  
so  
cool!



You're so  
insecure!

I think  
you can  
like what  
you like...

whether  
it's makeup,  
cute clothes,  
or anything  
else!

You...  
don't  
think  
it's  
weird?







Besides,  
I'd love  
to see  
you all  
glammed  
up.



I mean,  
it's not  
like you're  
hurting  
anybody.

I WAS  
GOOD  
FRIENDS  
WITH A  
GIRL ON  
THE SAME  
COMMITTEE  
AS ME...

AND THE  
NEXT  
THING I  
KNEW, I'D  
OPENED  
UP TO HER  
ABOUT  
EVERY-  
THING.



Go  
for  
it!



I've  
got  
your  
back!



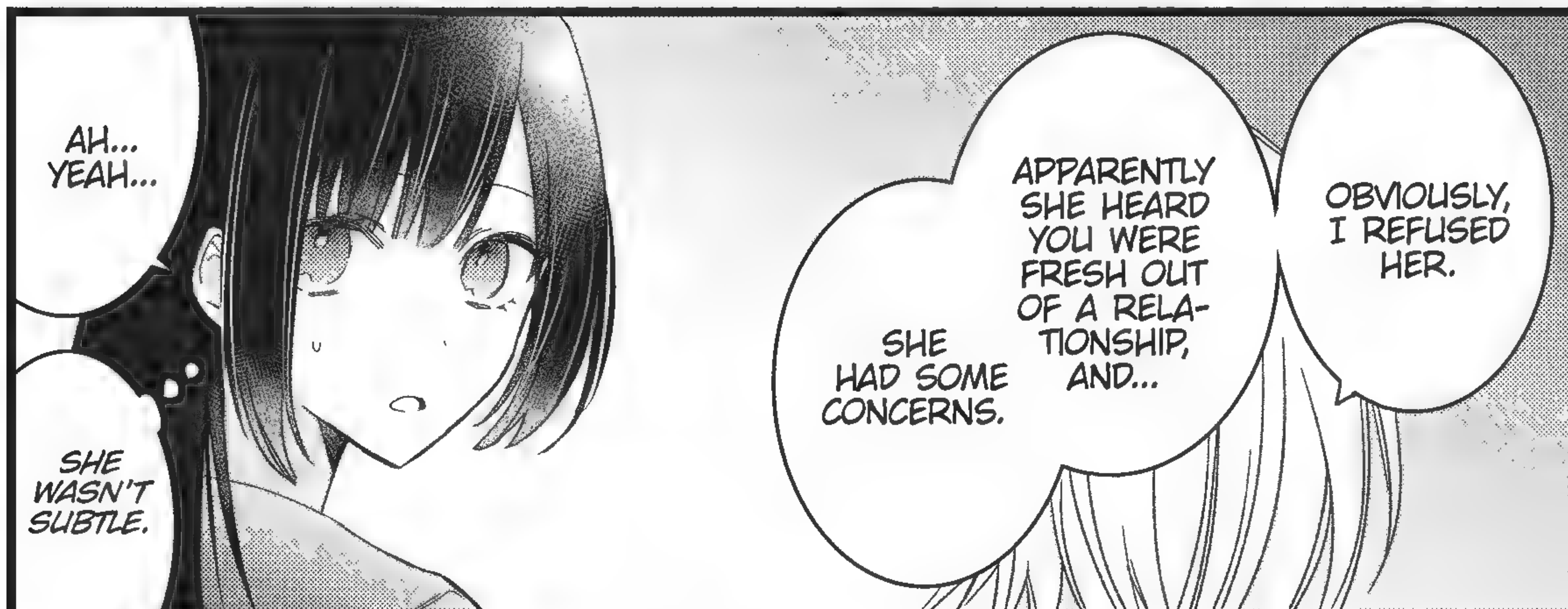






WHAT?!

YOU  
SHOULD  
KNOW...  
MIYAKAWA-  
SAN ASKED  
ME OUT  
AGAIN.



AH...  
YEAH...

SHE  
WASN'T  
SUBTLE.

SHE  
HAD SOME  
CONCERNS.

APPARENTLY  
SHE HEARD  
YOU WERE  
FRESH OUT  
OF A RELA-  
TIONSHIP,  
AND...

OBVIOUSLY,  
I REFUSED  
HER.

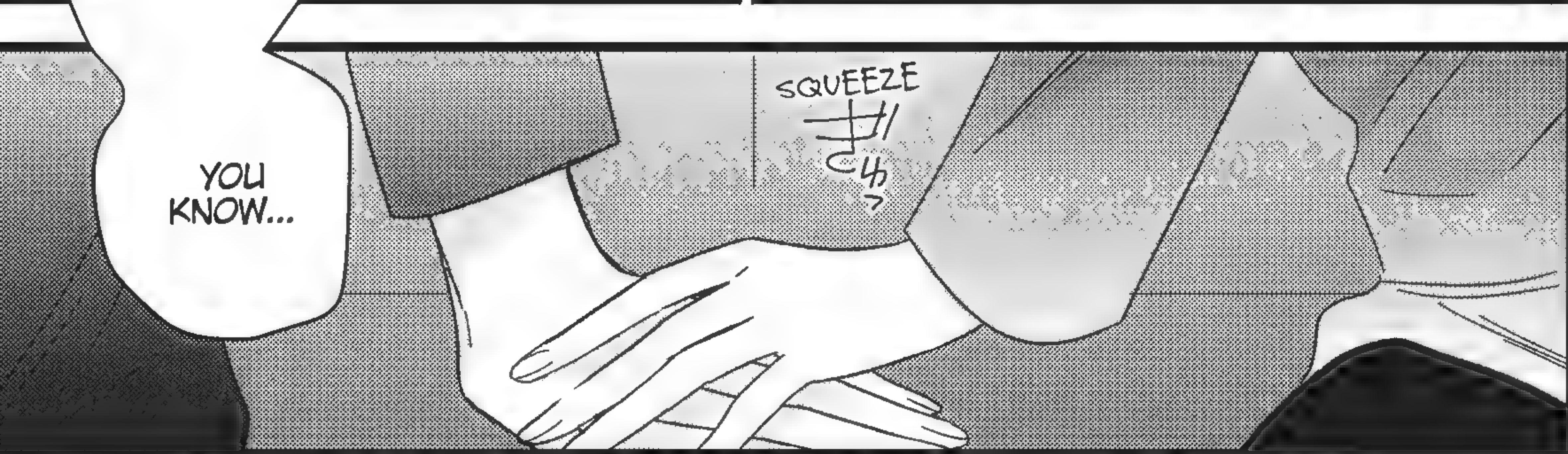


IS THIS  
WHY HE'S  
BEEN IN  
LOW  
SPIRITS  
TODAY?

I'M SO  
SORRY YOU  
CAUGHT  
FLAK  
FROM HER  
BECAUSE  
OF ME.

BUT  
I'M THE  
ONE WHO  
SUGGEST-  
ED WE  
PRETEND  
TO DATE...





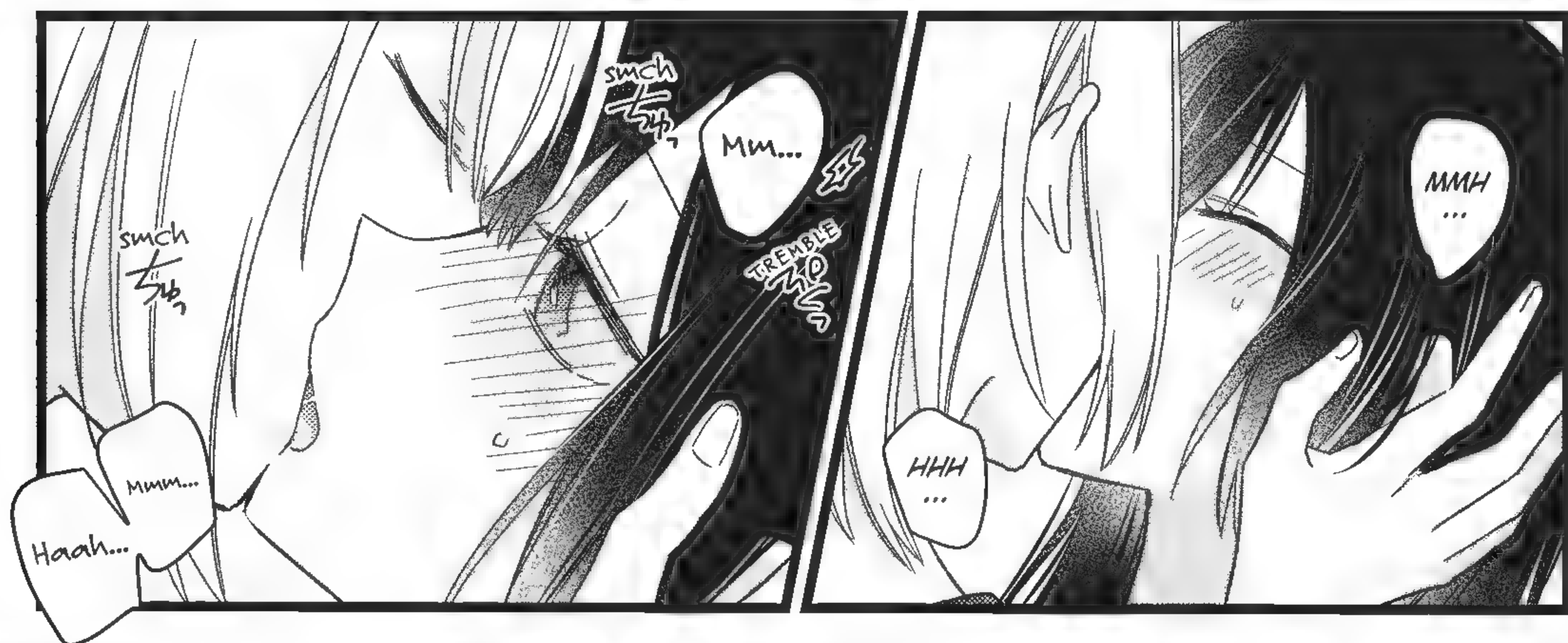


YOU'RE  
RIGHT...



OH...





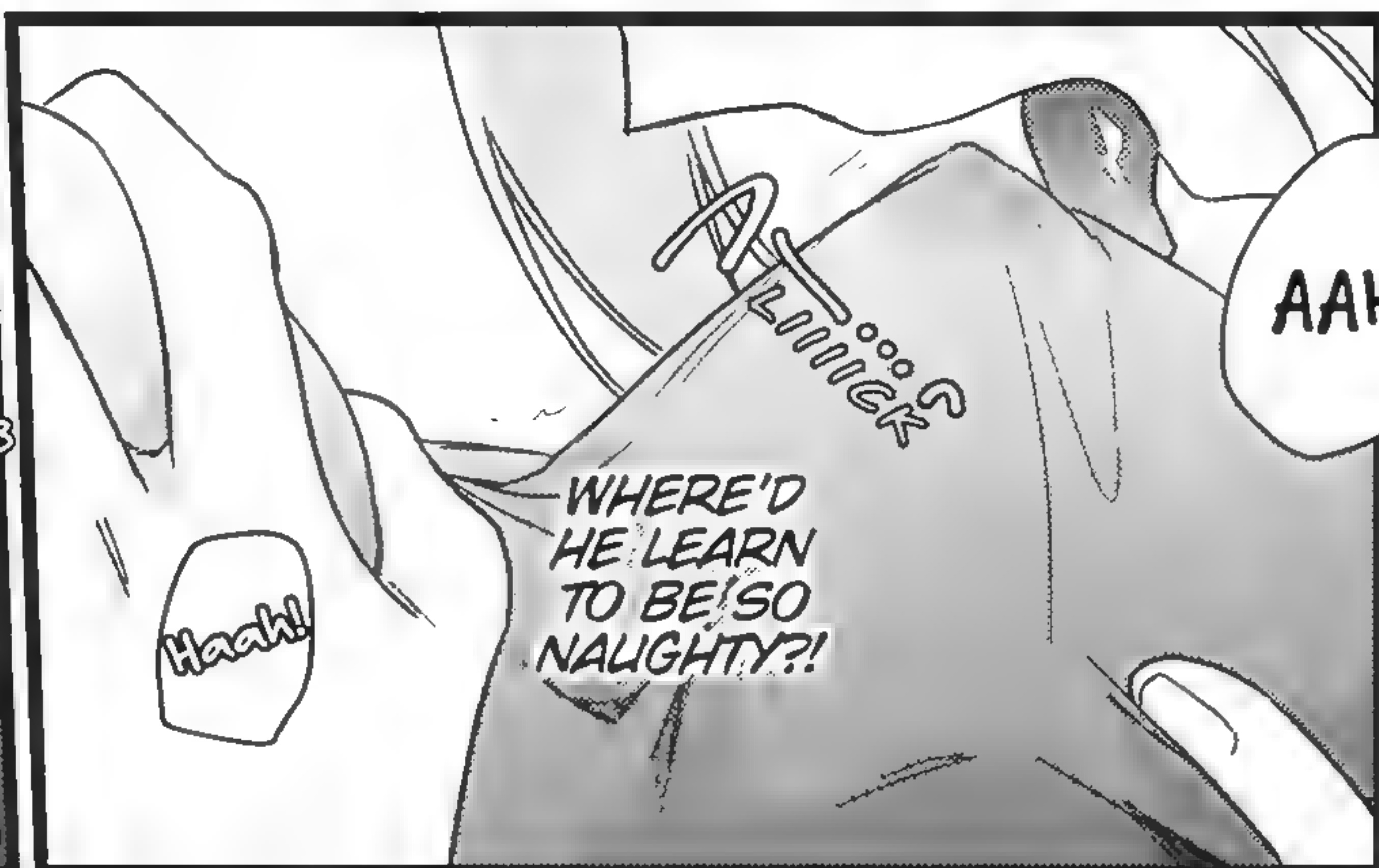




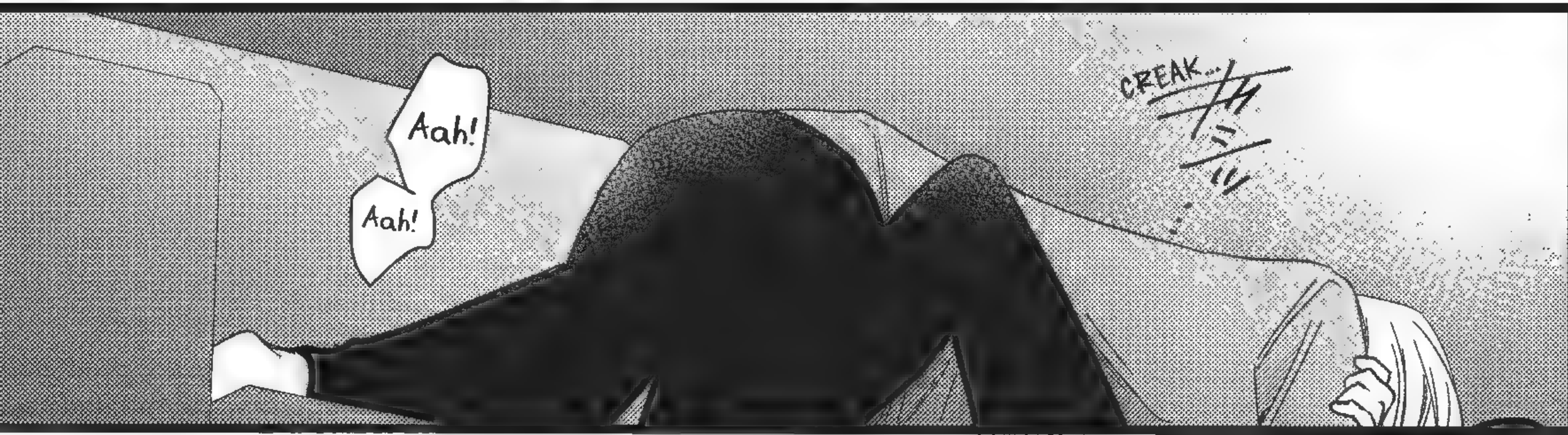








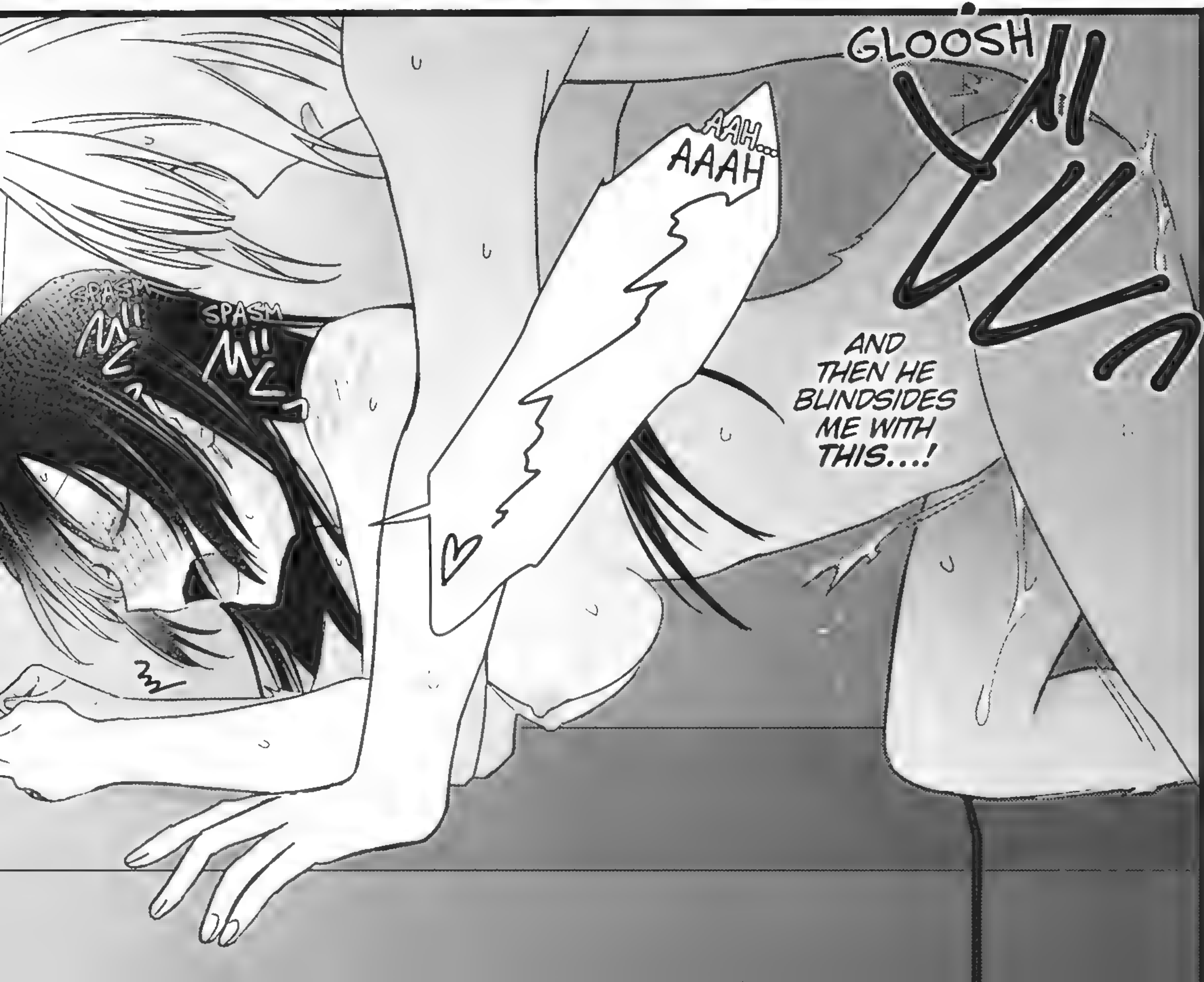












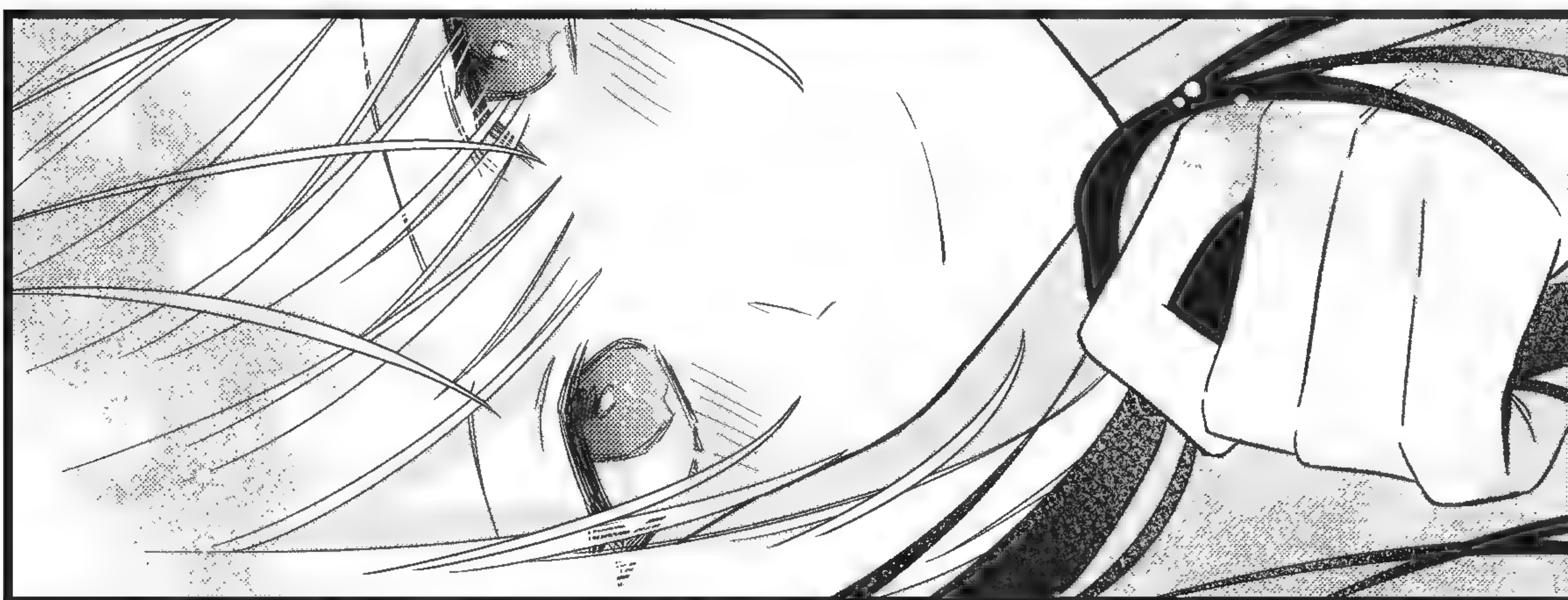












IF  
ONLY THIS  
MOMENT  
COULD LAST  
FOREVER...



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to Make Me Beautiful



I Want You  
to Make Me Beautiful



bonus  
story

MIKI  
DECIDED  
TO QUIT  
HER JOB  
AND GET  
HITCHED.

YUP!

YOU'RE  
GETTING  
MARRIED?!

ABOUT  
A YEAR  
INTO MY  
RELATION-  
SHIP WITH  
YUZUKI-  
KUN...

OF  
COURSE!  
  
I  
COULD  
SAY THE  
SAME TO  
YOU!

I'M GONNA  
MISS SEEING  
YOU AT THE  
OFFICE... BUT  
YOU'D BETTER  
INVITE ME TO  
THE WEDDING!

HE JUST  
GOT A BIG  
PROMOTION,  
RIGHT?

SO HE  
POPPED  
THE  
QUESTION!

THE OLDER  
GUY SHE'D  
BEEN DATING  
SINCE  
COLLEGE  
HAD FINALLY  
PROPOSED.

Completely  
out of  
the blue!

YOU AND  
YUZUKI-KUN  
MOVED IN  
TOGETHER,  
AFTER  
ALL.

ISN'T  
MARRIAGE  
THE NEXT  
STEP?

!!!





BUT  
LATELY  
I WAS  
START-  
ING TO  
WORRY.

OUR  
RELATION-  
SHIP WAS  
GOING  
WELL...

MARRIAGE  
...?



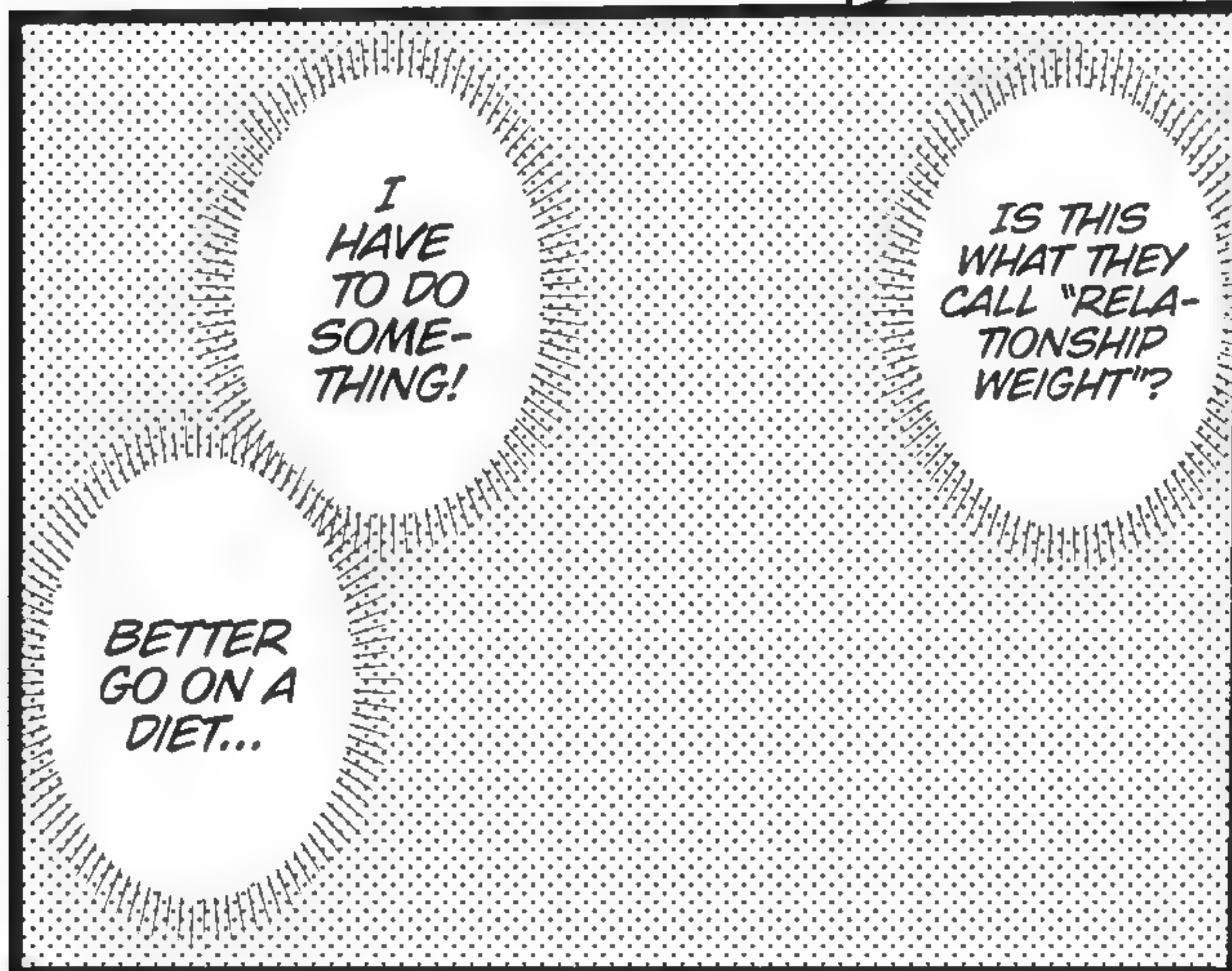
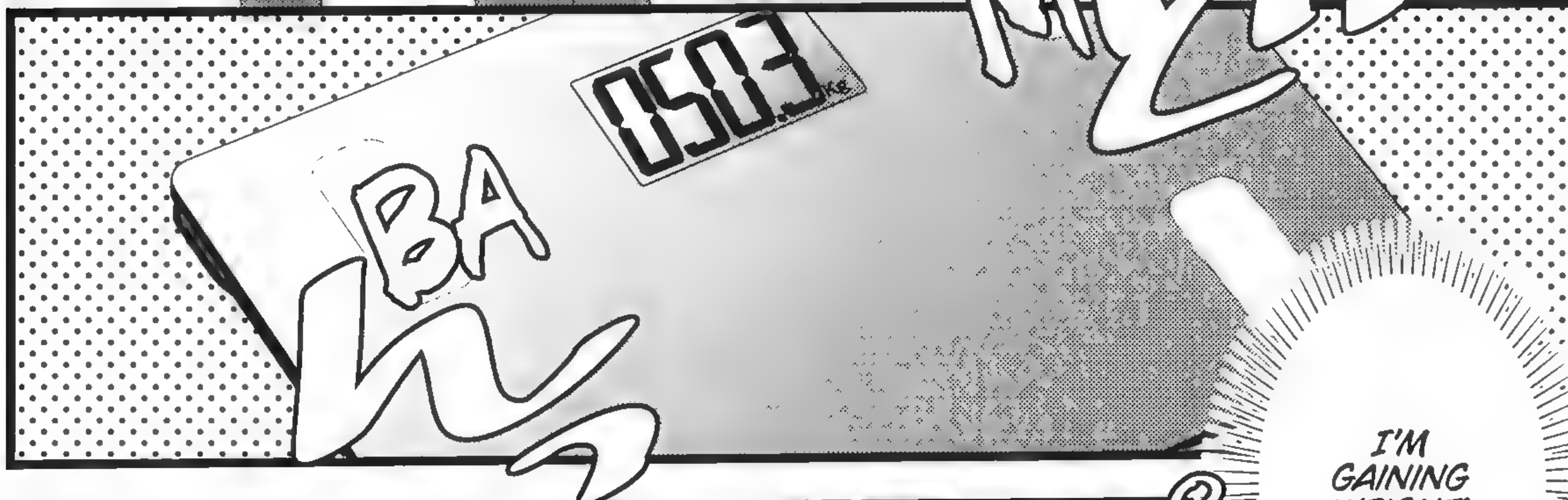
MIKI!  
WE JUST  
STARTED  
LIVING  
TOGETHER!

FINGERS  
CROSSED!  
♥

IT'S NOT  
GONNA  
HAPPEN  
OVERNIGHT!

Hee  
hee!

Good  
grief!



I  
HAVE  
TO DO  
SOME-  
THING!

IS THIS  
WHAT THEY  
CALL "RELATIONSHIP  
WEIGHT"?

BETTER  
GO ON A  
DIET...

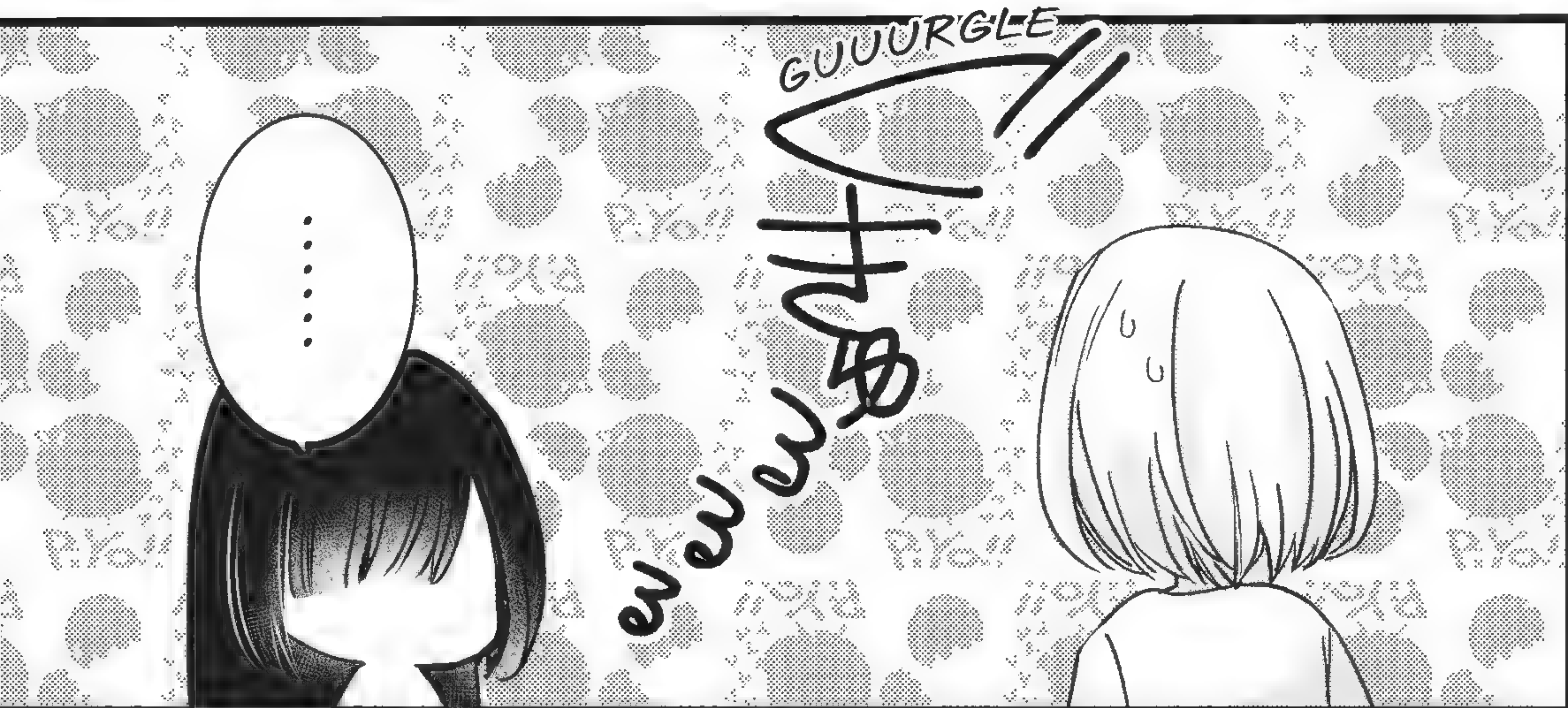


I WAS  
WONDER-  
ING WHY MY  
CLOTHES  
FELT SO  
TIGHT ON  
ME...

I  
CAN'T  
EVEN FIT  
INTO THE  
DRESS I  
BOUGHT  
FOR MIKI'S  
WEDDING!

I'M  
GAINING  
WEIGHT!









YES  
I DO! I'VE  
GAINED  
THREE  
WHOLE  
KILO-  
GRAMS!



YOU  
DON'T  
LOOK ANY  
HEAVIER  
TO ME.

I DON'T  
THINK YOU  
NEED TO  
WORRY.



YOU  
HEARD  
NOTH-  
ING!!!



SO  
WHAT?  
IT'S FINE!  
YOU'RE  
ALREADY  
SUPER  
SKINNY!



WHA?!

?!

CAN I  
SEE?





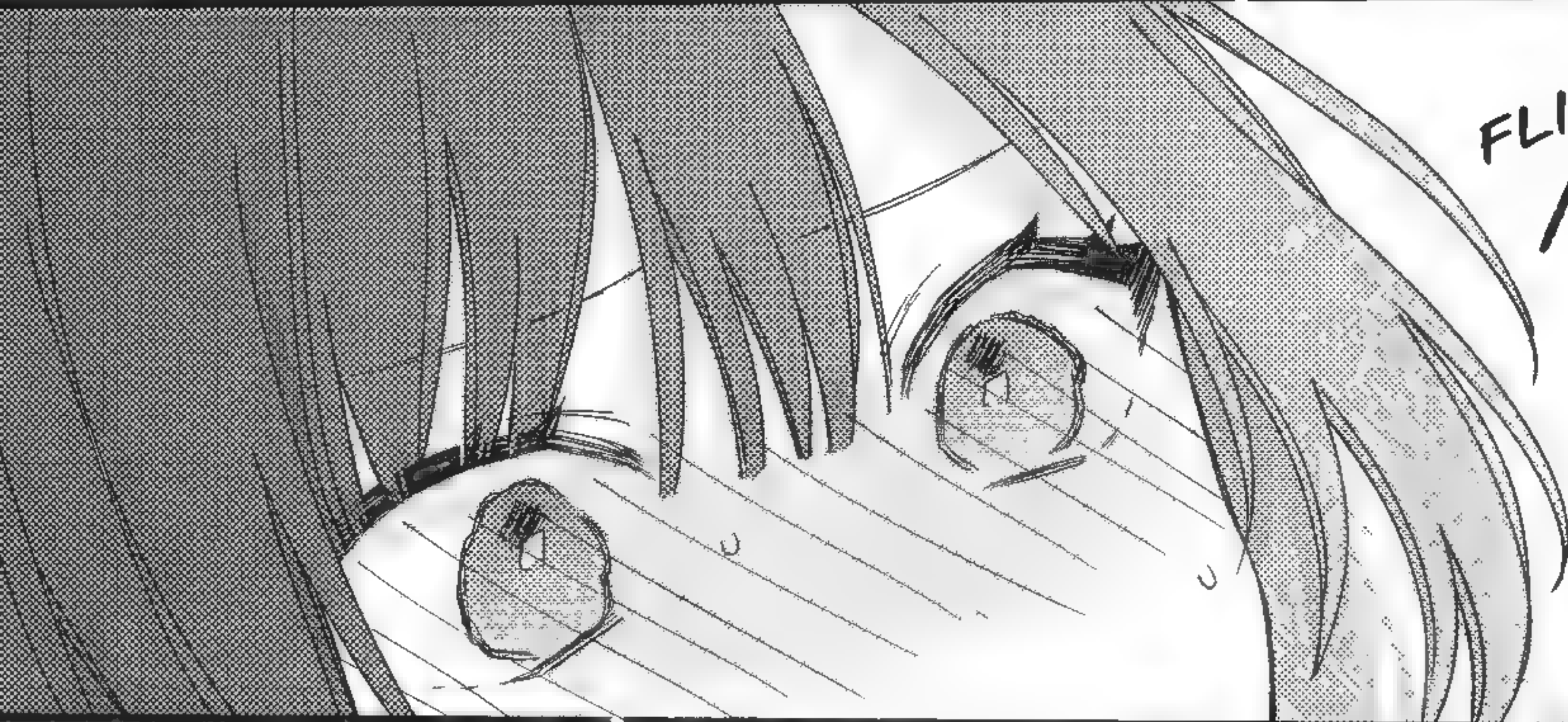
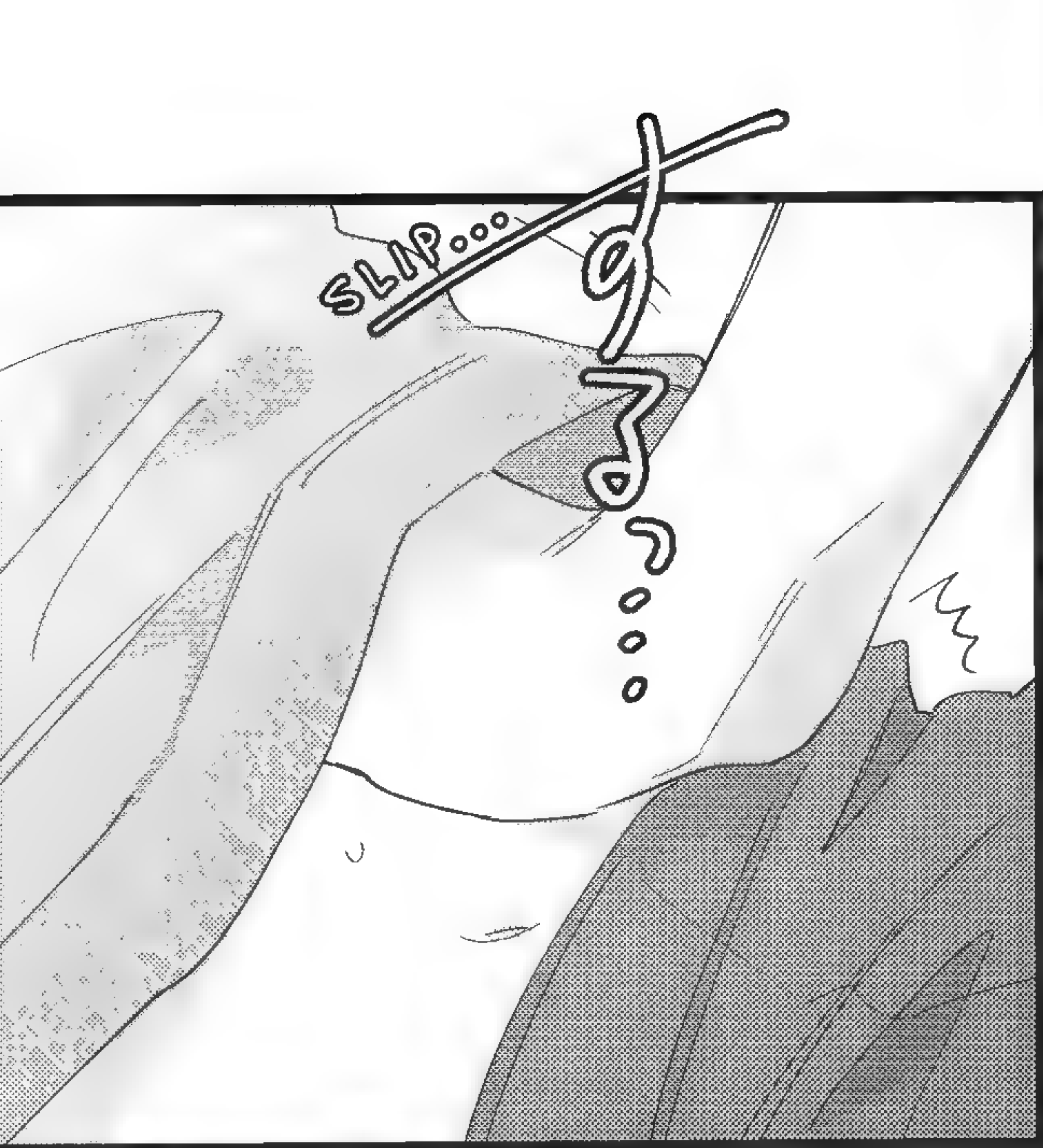




I'M SO  
WEAK...











I THINK  
THE WEIGHT  
WENT RIGHT  
TO MY  
STOMACH...  
I DON'T  
WANT YOU  
TO SEE IT.



IT  
DOESN'T  
FIT ANY-  
MORE!!!

THE  
TRUTH IS...  
I BOUGHT  
A DRESS  
FOR MIKI'S  
WEDDING,  
BUT...



OKAY...  
I'LL TAKE  
YOUR  
WORD  
FOR IT.



Is it  
really  
that  
bad...?



THANK  
YOU,  
YUZUKI-  
KUN!

Phew!



AND LIKE  
I SAID, I'LL  
HELP OUT--  
BUT NO  
CRASH  
DIETS,  
GOT IT?





HEY,  
UM...



I KNOW  
WE ONLY  
JUST  
MOVED IN  
TOGETHER,  
BUT...

JUST SO  
YOU KNOW,  
I COULD  
SEE YOU AS  
MY WIFE  
SOMEDAY.







MAYBE  
MIKI'S  
RIGHT...

O-OKAY.

MAYBE  
IT'LL BE  
MY TURN  
SOON!

I  
REALLY  
DON'T  
MIND A  
LITTLE  
CHUB...

I...  
I'LL  
TRY TO  
LOSE THE  
WEIGHT  
ASAP!!!

Aaa  
S

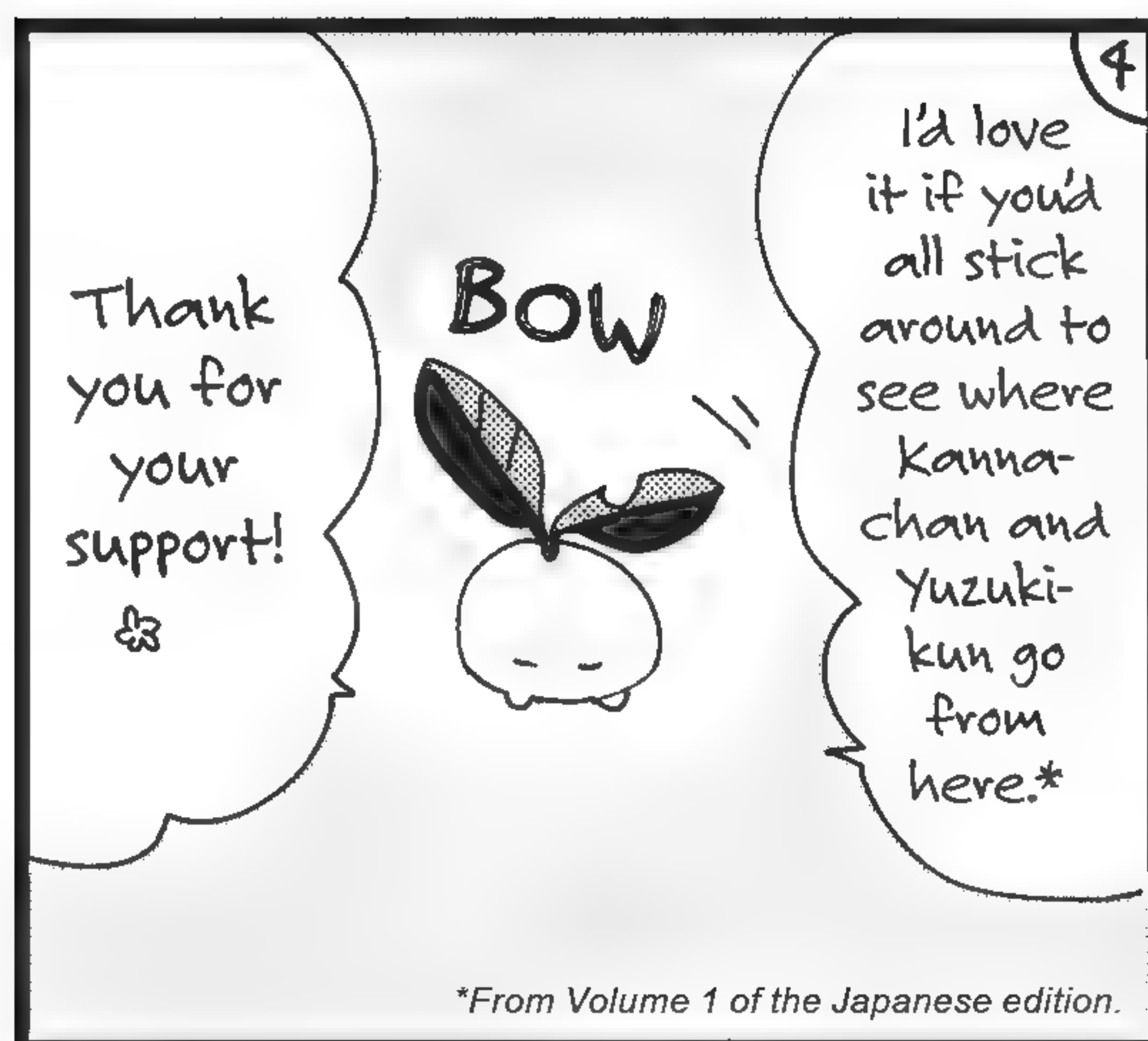
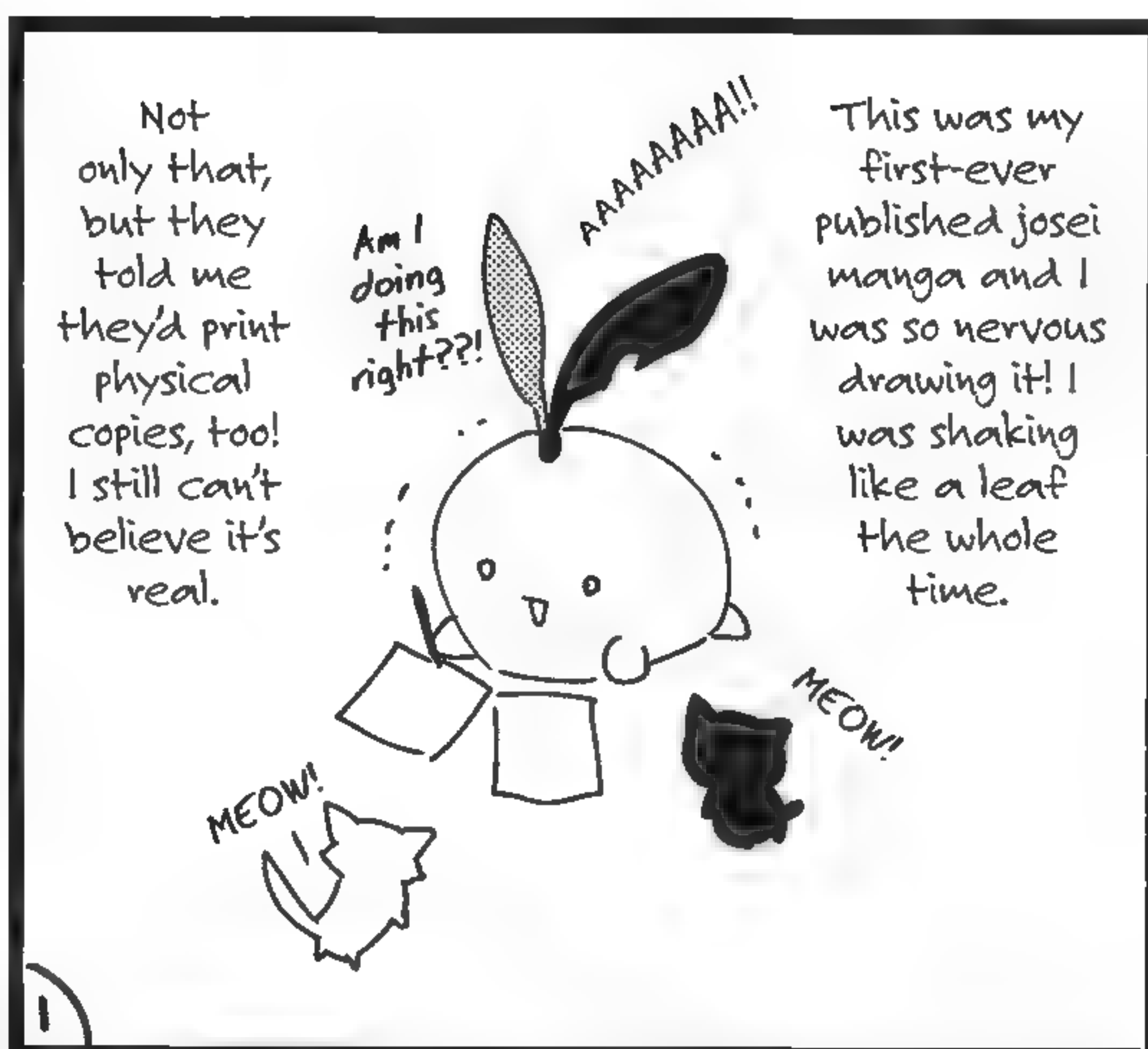
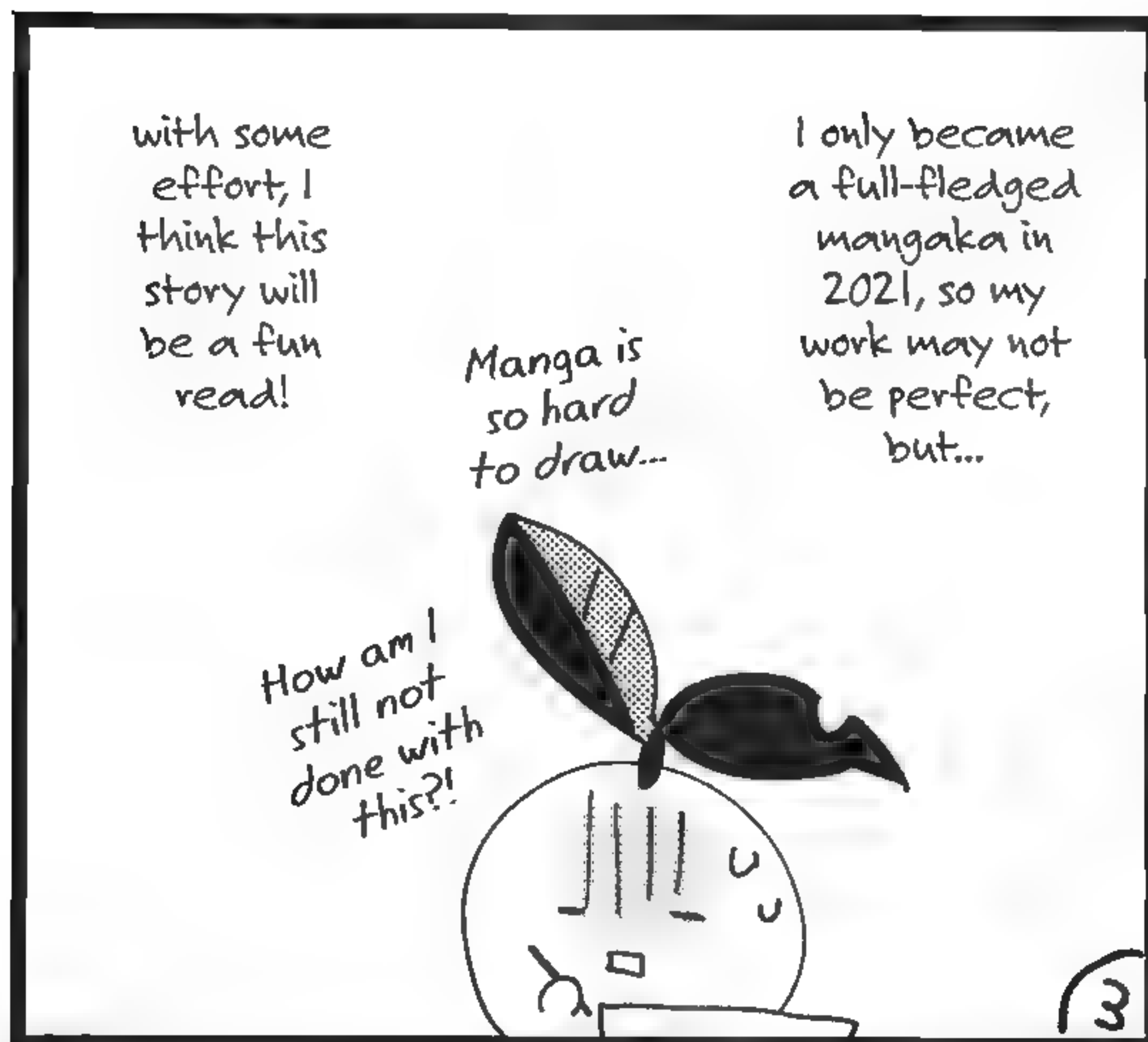
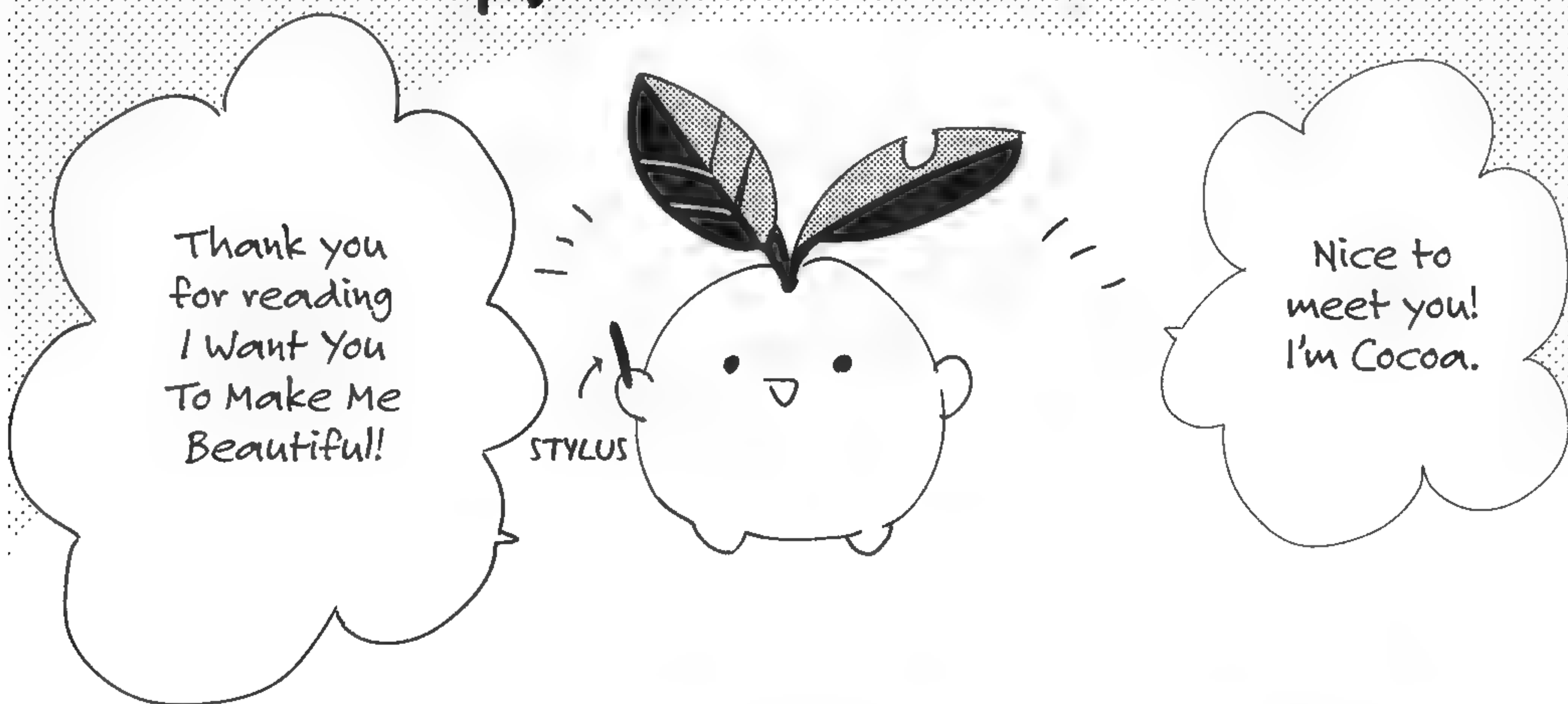




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# AFTERWORD



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Special thanks to my friend and younger sister for taking on the role of my assistants!!



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Before  
After  
She didn't get  
much more than  
a simple trim.



Nishimura Kanna (age 25)

Birthday: July 3rd

Blood Type: A

Height: 160 cm.

Shy and socially awkward, Kanna only ever really talks to her friend Miki. In junior high, she befriended Yuzuki when they were assigned to the same committee.

Reads a lot of books and manga. Clueless about fashion and sticks to conservative clothes. Not great at putting together outfits. Gets drunk easily.





Regularly wears light, natural makeup. Both ears are pierced.

Ichikawa Yuzuki (age 25)

Birthday: August 20th

Blood Type: O

Height: 170 cm.

A prettyboy who loves to dress up. Growing up with two older sisters, he developed an interest in makeup and found he liked to wear it. Outgoing by nature, he has many friends of all genders. After college, he started attracting a lot of romantic attention. Gets mistaken for a woman to this very day. Loves to drink and can hold his liquor like a champ.



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SPRING  
IS HERE.

IT'S BEEN  
ABOUT A  
MONTH  
SINCE  
YUZUKI-  
KUN  
TRANS-  
FERRED  
TO MY  
OFFICE...

BUT  
OUTSIDE, IT  
ALREADY  
FEELS LIKE  
SUMMER!

MMM

~  
!





THIS  
FRAPPE IS  
SOOOO  
GOOD!



LEAST  
OF ALL  
TO GO  
SHOPPING!

I GOTTA  
SAY, I NEVER  
EXPECTED  
YOU TO CALL  
ME FIRST  
THING  
IN THE  
MORNING...



YOU  
NEVER  
USED TO  
CARE ABOUT  
FASHION  
TRENDS...

Hee  
hee!

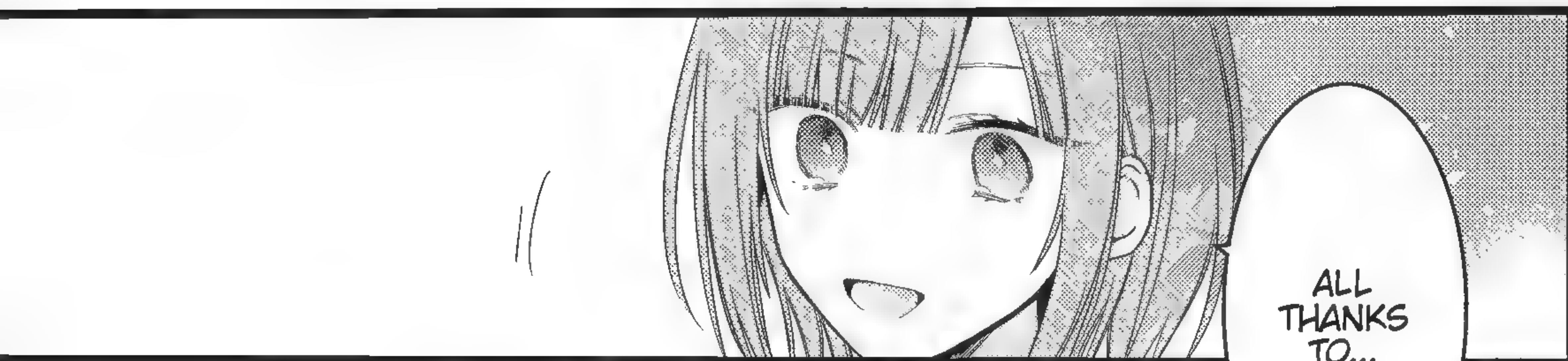
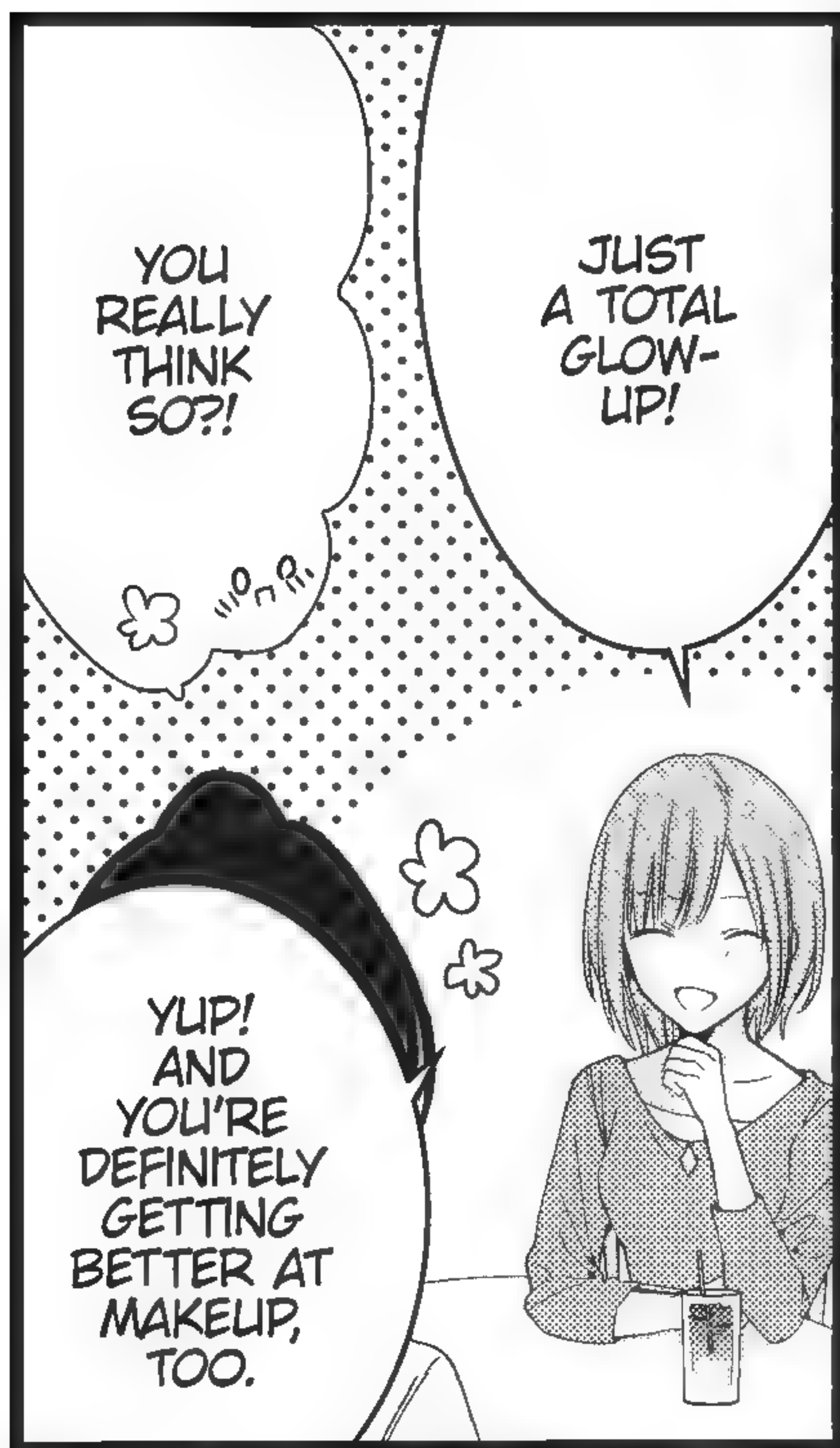


CAREFUL,  
KANNA.  
THOSE  
SUGARY  
DRINKS  
AREN'T  
GOOD  
FOR  
YOU.

Nngh...

YEAH,  
I KNOW,  
BUT I  
ALWAYS  
CRAVE THEM  
WHEN IT  
GETS HOT  
OUT.









ABOUT THAT...



ABOUT WHAT?

YOU AND HIM DATING? WELL, DUH.

SHRUG  
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MIKI, I'VE BEEN MEANING TO TELL YOU...



YOU WERE DRUNK, SO YOU MAY NOT REMEMBER, BUT...

LAST NIGHT, AT ICHIKAWA-KUN'S WELCOME PARTY...



PRETTY SURE THE WHOLE OFFICE HAS FIGURED IT OUT.

Who TOLD WHAT?!  
YOU?! HOW?!





You think so?

Wow, you can really hold your liquor.

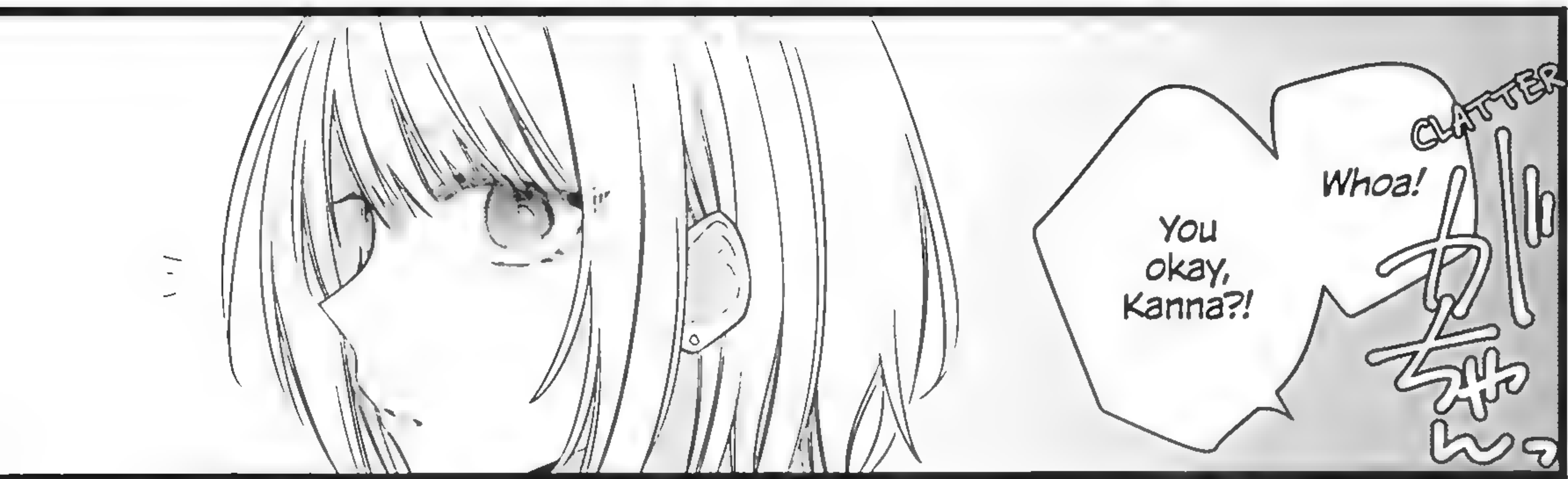


Ugh, I wanted to see him get trashed ...

What?!  
For a pretty-boy, you drink like a fish!

Um... all of these ...?

Good lord, Ichikawa, how many have you had?



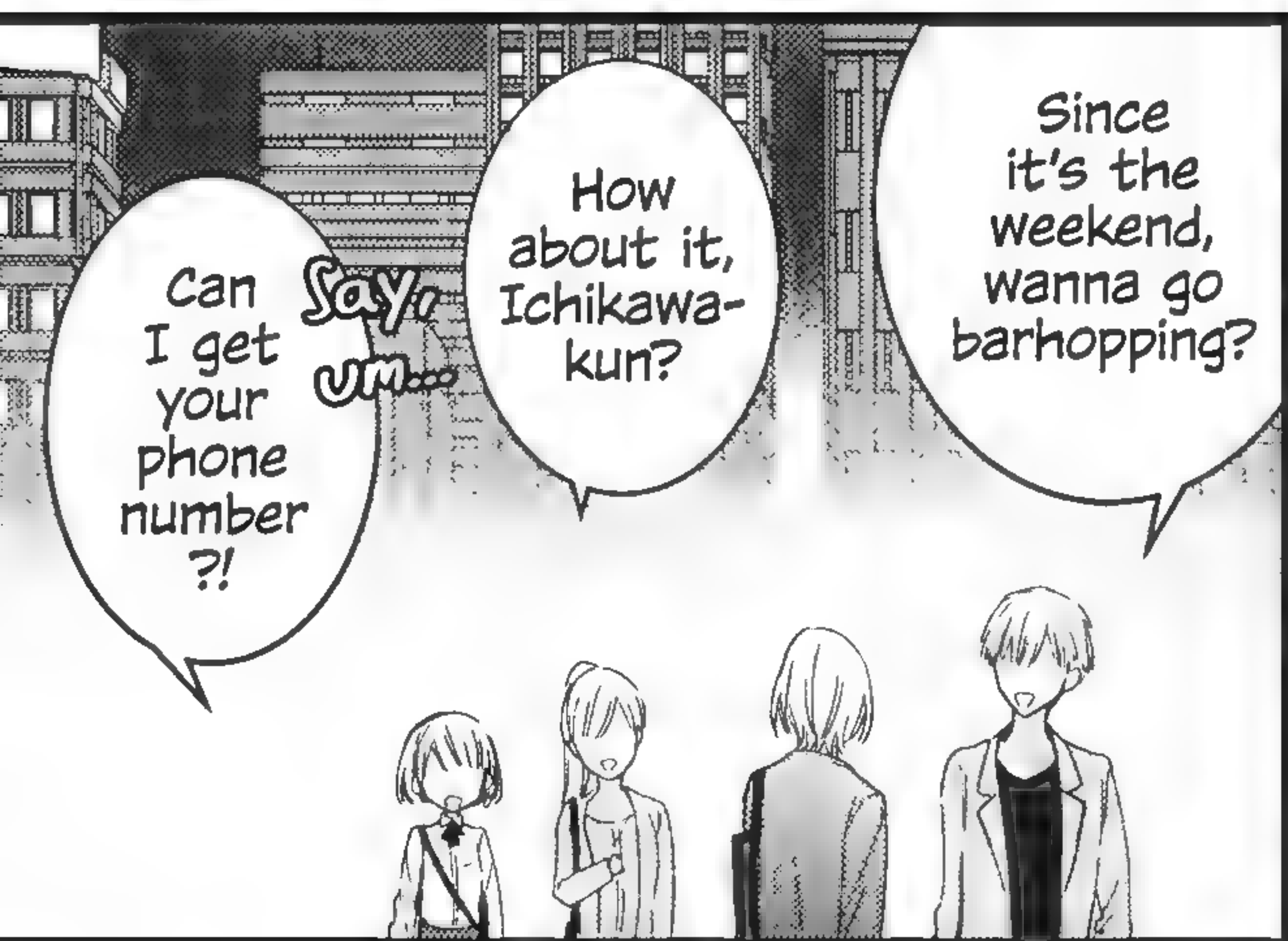
You okay, Kanna?!

Whoa!

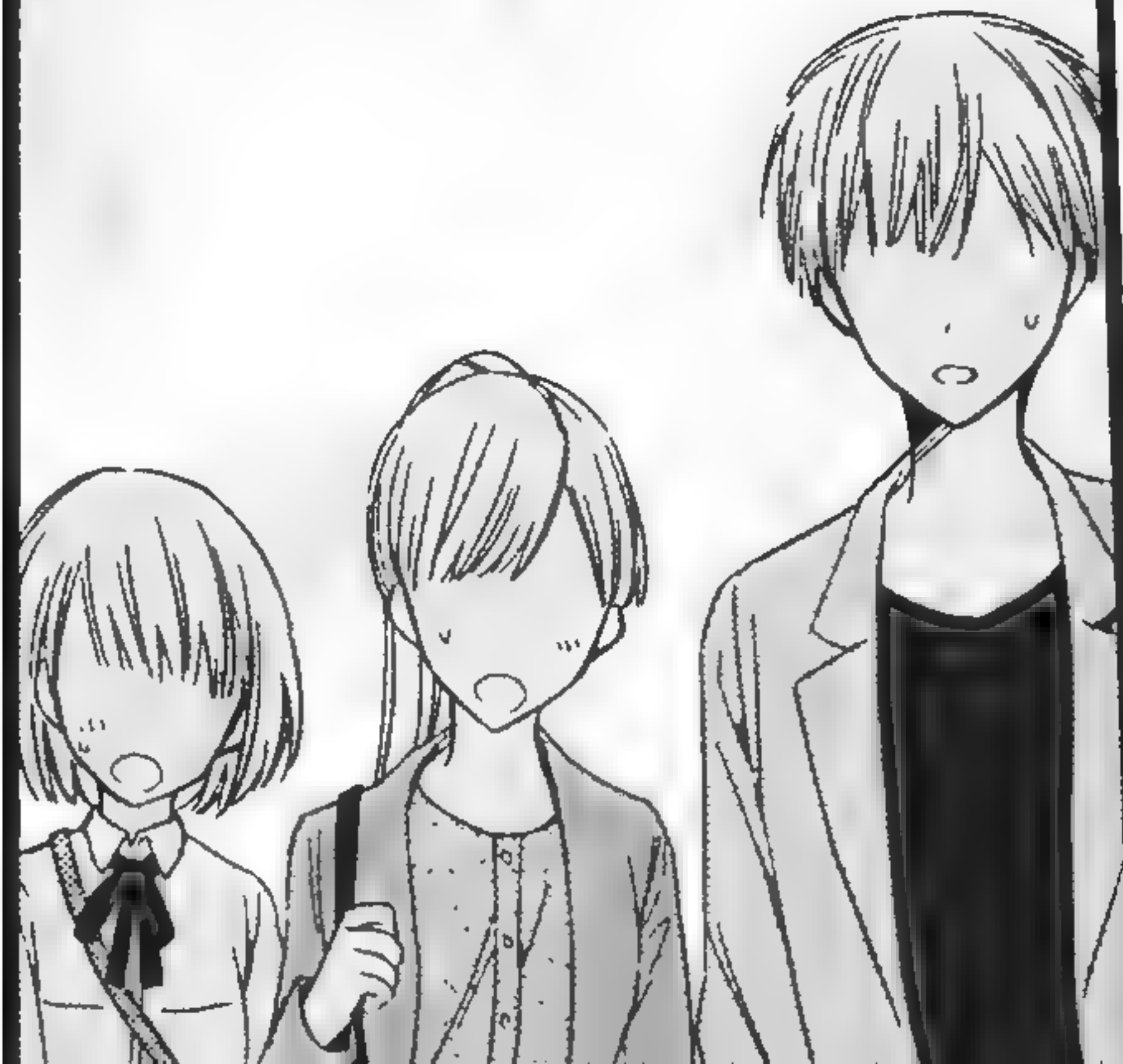
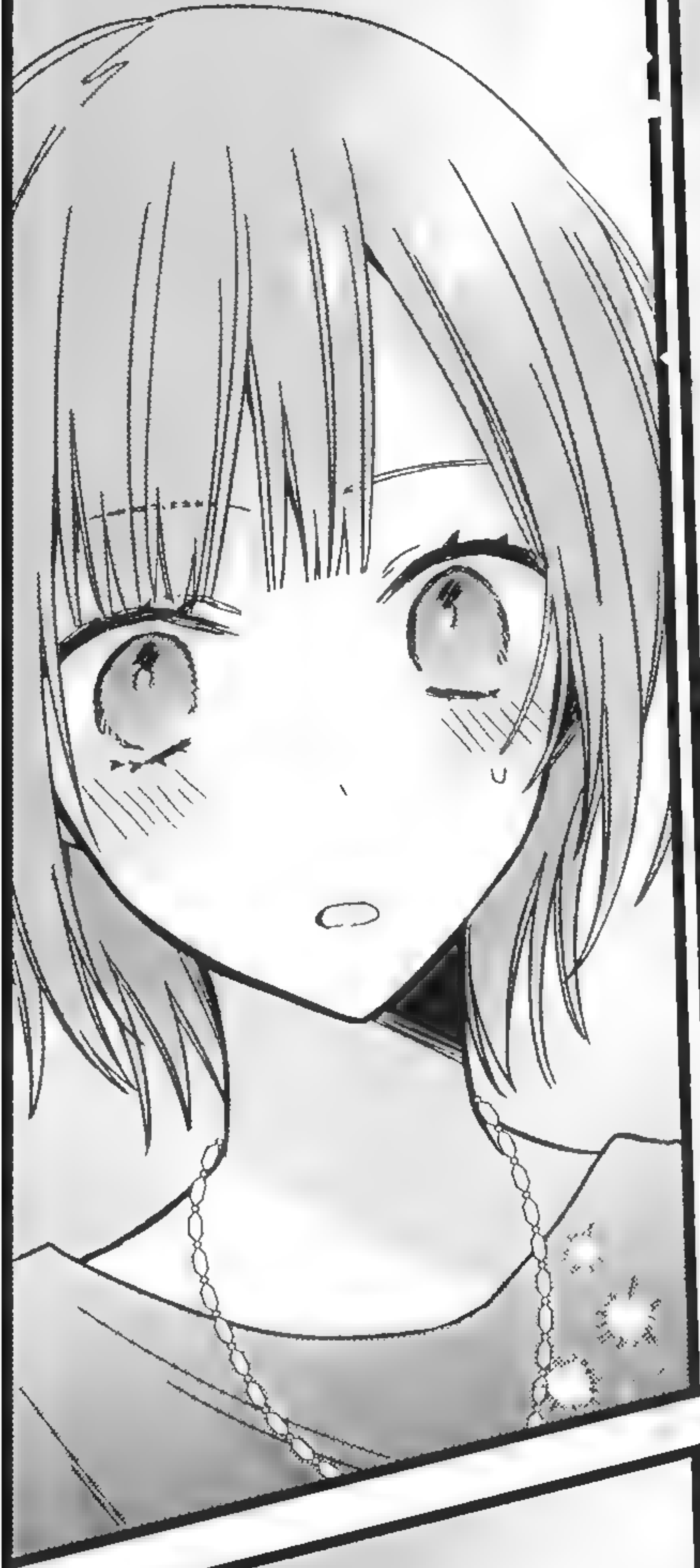
















HUG...  
#  
th  
...



I WAS  
WONDERING  
HOW I GOT  
HOME AFTER  
THAT! NOBODY  
TOLD ME!!





I WAS  
SO HAPPY  
FOR YOU.

REAL  
TALK,  
WHEN I  
FOUND OUT  
YOU TWO  
WERE AN  
ITEM...



GIVE  
IT YOUR  
BEST  
EFFORT,  
KANNA.



I  
WILL!



IT  
HEIGHTENS  
OUR  
AESTHETIC  
SENSES...

ROMANCE  
CAN BRING  
OUT THE  
BEST IN  
US, YOU  
KNOW?

INSPIRING  
US TO  
BEAUTIFY  
OURSELVES  
FOR OUR  
SPECIAL  
SOMEONE.





I'M  
GONNA  
DO THE  
COOKING  
TONIGHT!

Now  
then!

WITHOUT  
FURTHER  
ADO...



why  
she's so  
pumped.

I  
have  
no  
idea.









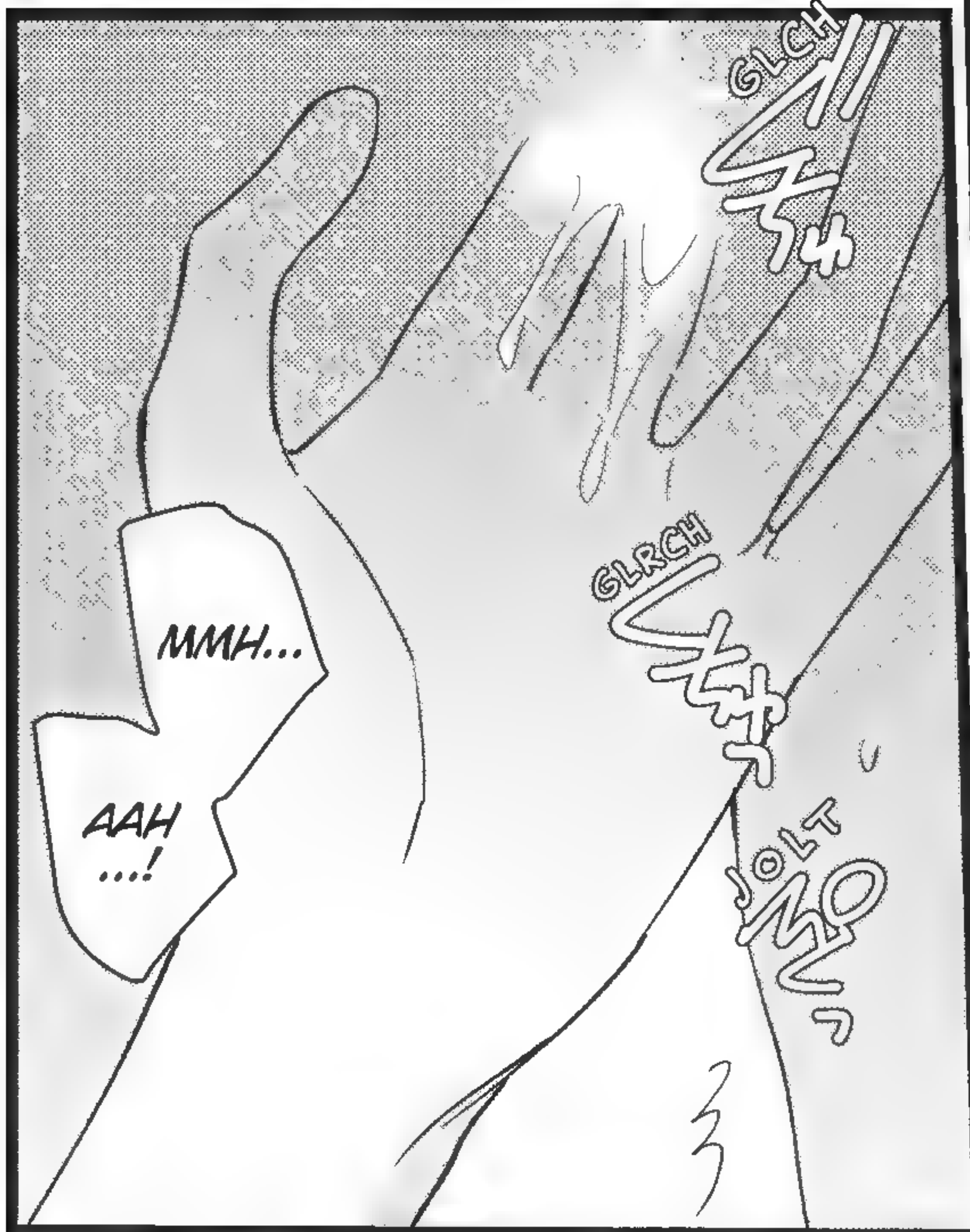




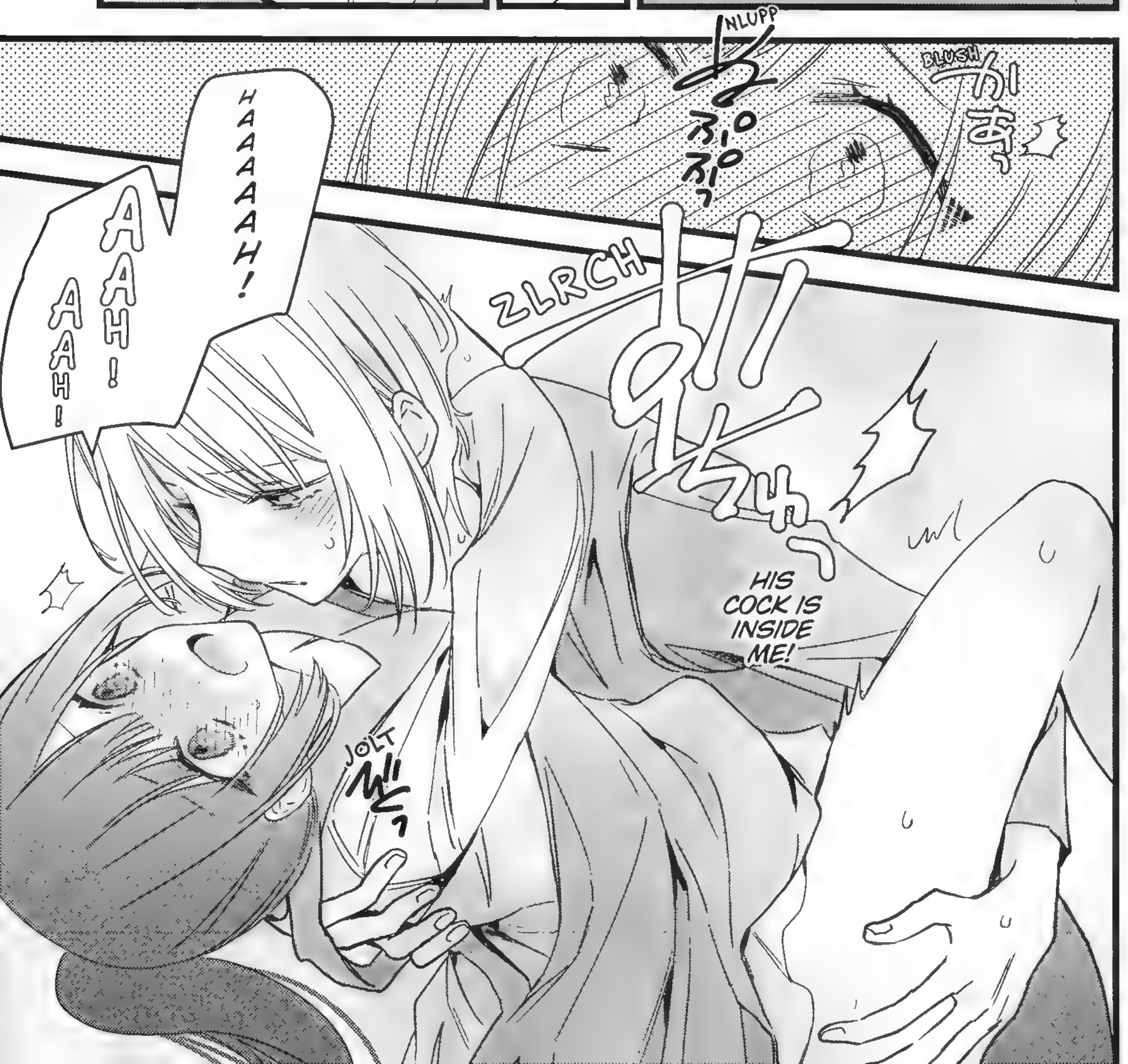








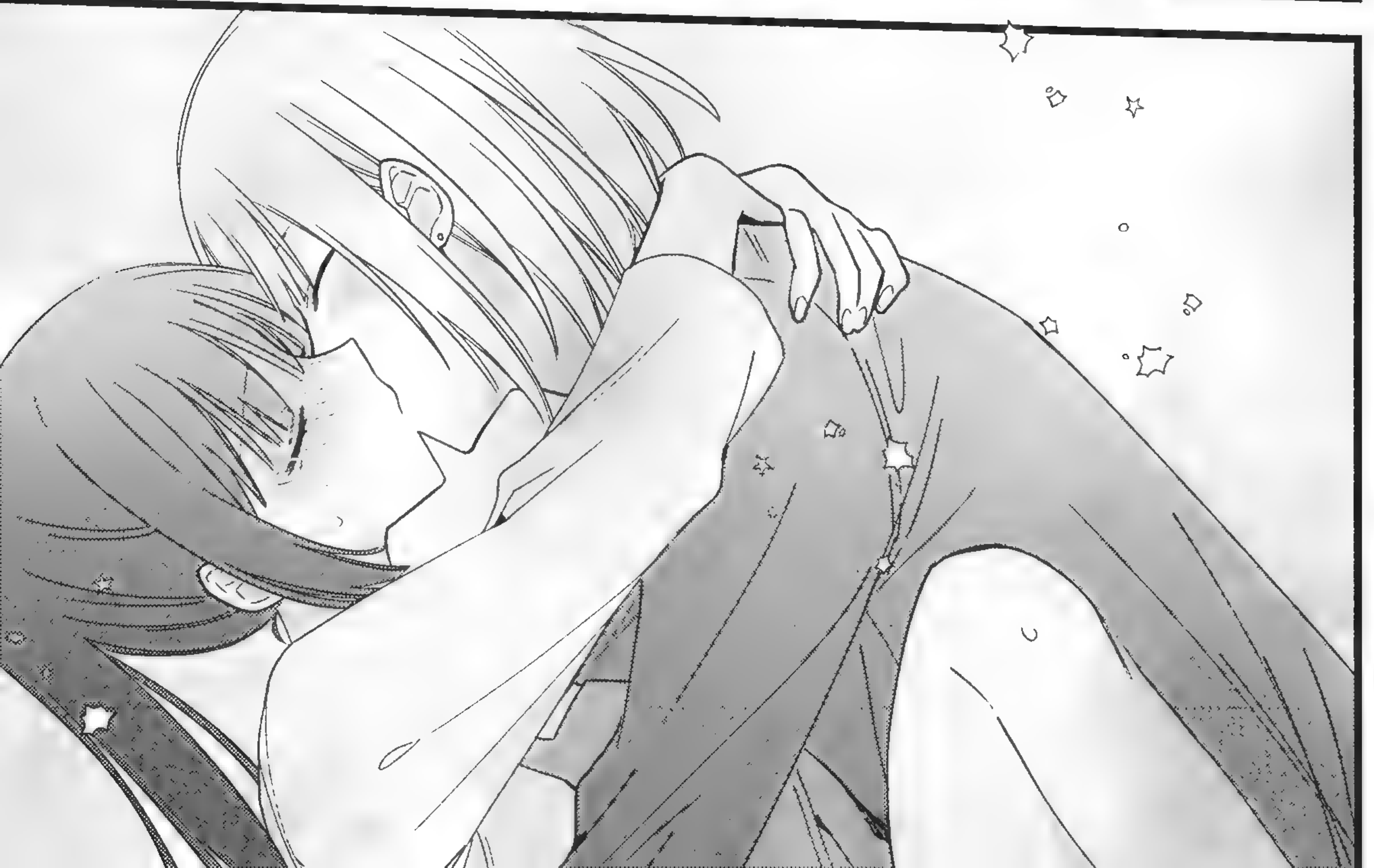
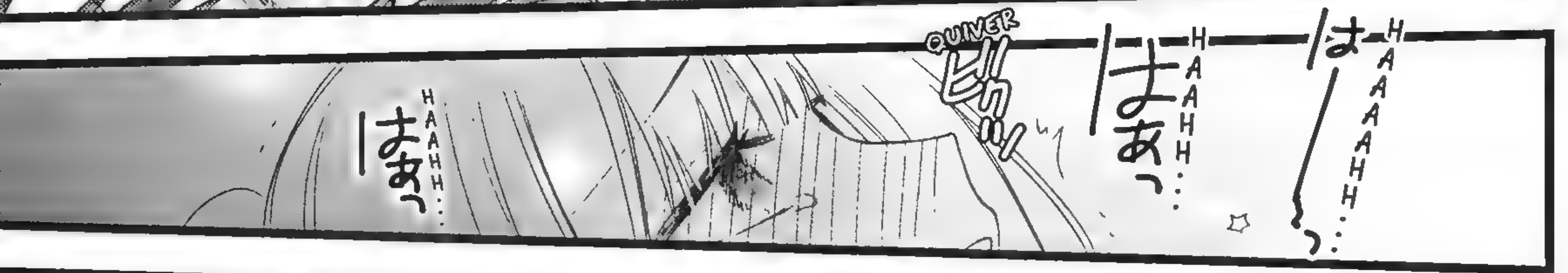
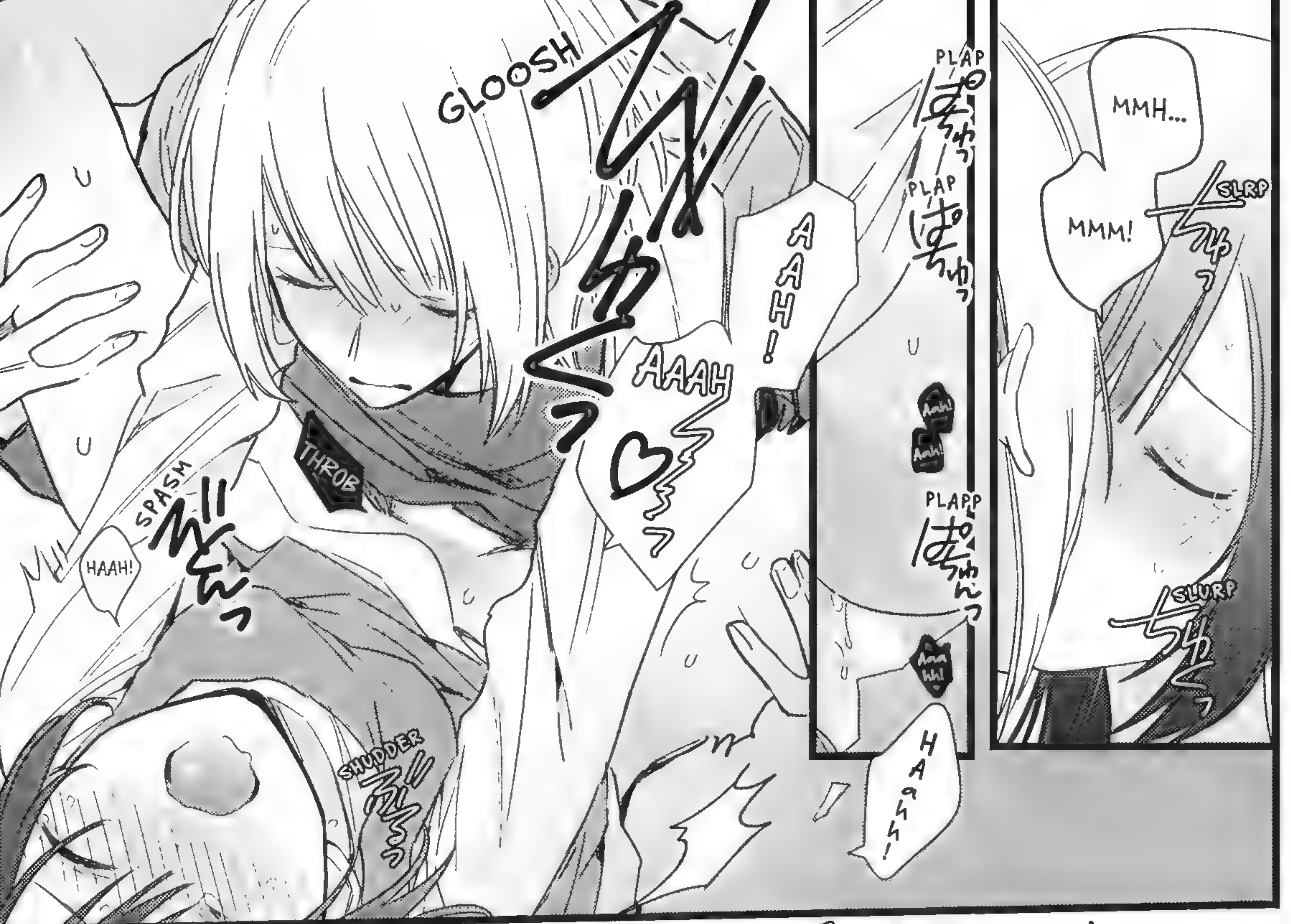
















I  
LOVE  
YOU.

HE STILL  
HAS THE  
BODY OF  
A MAN.

THERE'S  
NOTHING  
GIRLY  
ABOUT  
IT.



WITH  
YUZUKI-KUN  
IN MY ARMS,  
I REALIZE...

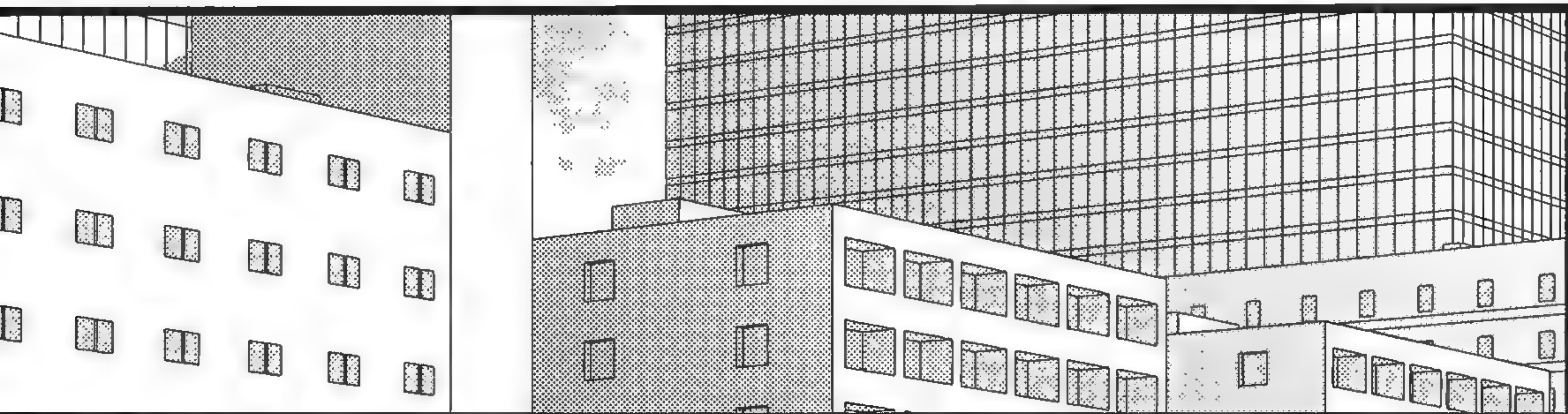
AS PRETTY  
AS HE MAY  
SEEM AT  
FIRST  
GLANCE...



I  
LOVE  
YOU  
TOO!



SO  
MUCH...



FORGET  
THAT!  
ARE YOU  
DATING  
HIM?!

NISHIMURA-  
SAN! WHEN  
DID YOU AND  
ICHIKAWA-  
KUN GET  
ALL BUDDY-  
BUDDY?!

AAAAAA  
AACK!!!

IS THAT  
WHY YOU'VE  
CHANGED  
YOUR VIBE  
LATELY?!





OUR SHIFT'S ABOUT TO START, SO SAVE IT FOR LUNCH BREAK.

DEEP BREATHS, EVERYONE!

OH YEAH ...

CLAP



WHAT DO I DO?!

MIKI WAS RIGHT!!!



I'M SAVED!!!

O-O-KAY...

YOU CAN TELL US EVERYTHING LATER!



GUESS I'LL GO HIDE AT LUNCH...

TRY NOT TO GIVE THE GOSSIP TRAIN WHAT THEY WANT, ALL RIGHT?



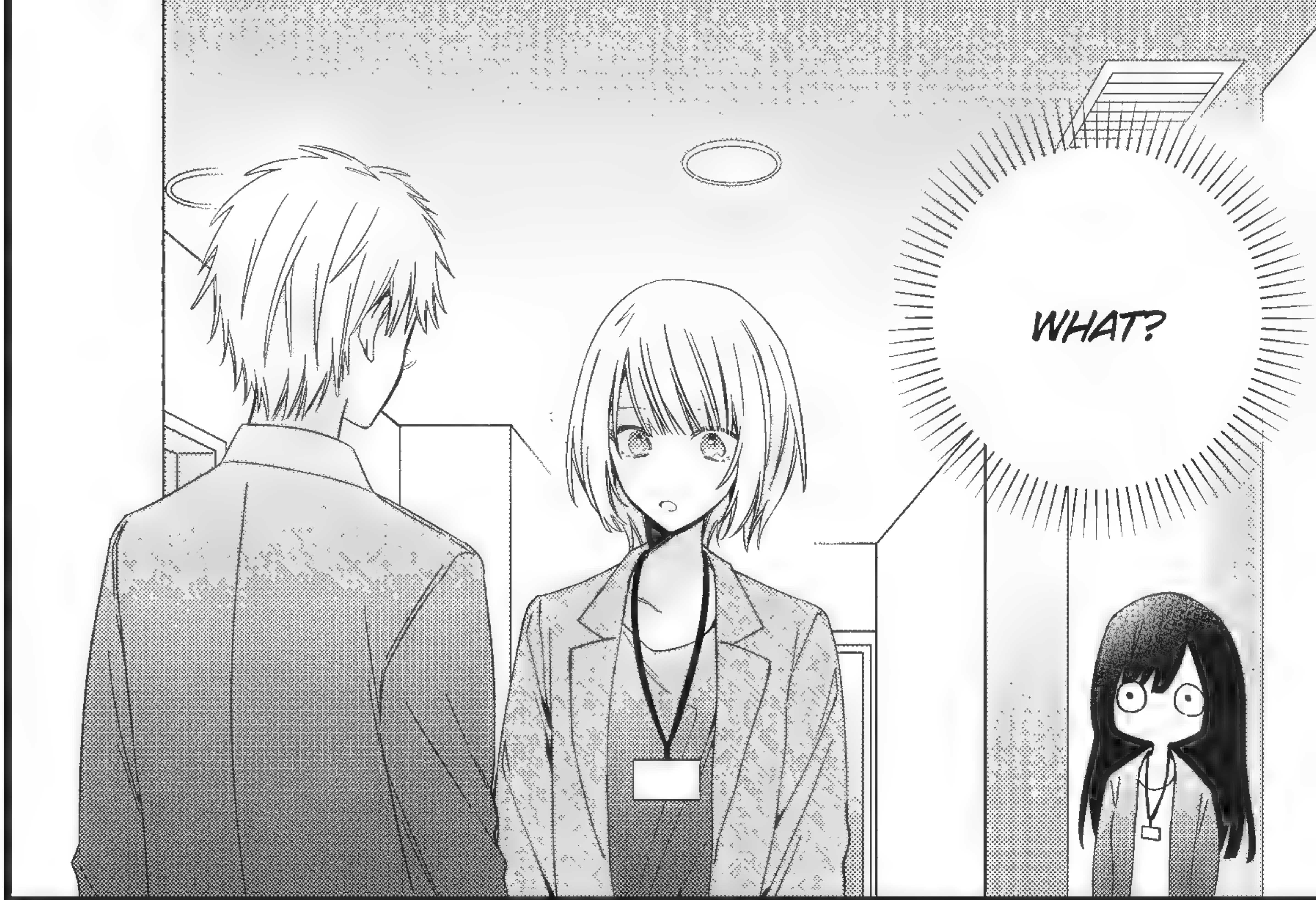
I TOTALLY SAW THIS COMING.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, MIKI!











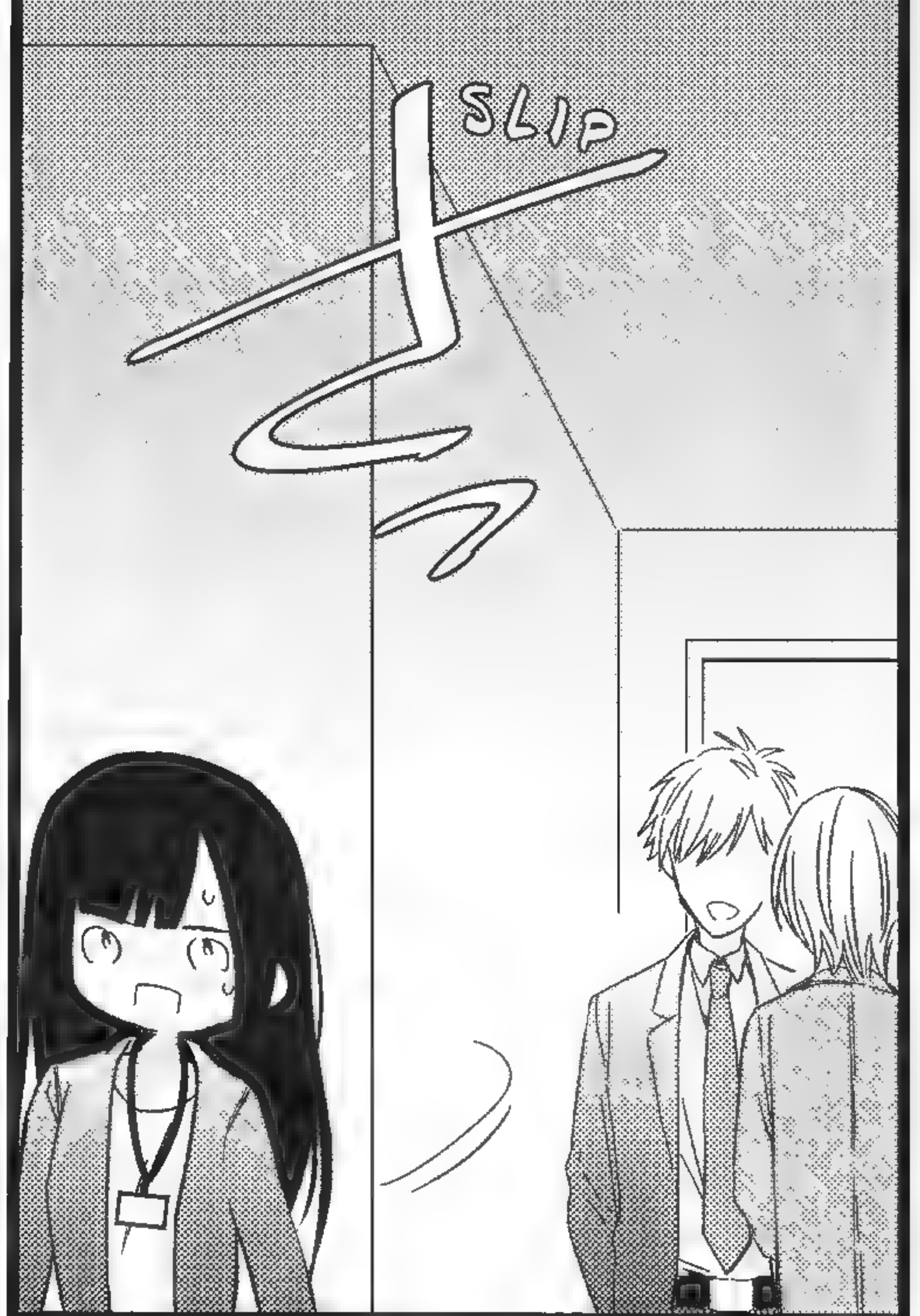


WHY ARE  
THOSE TWO  
TOGETHER?

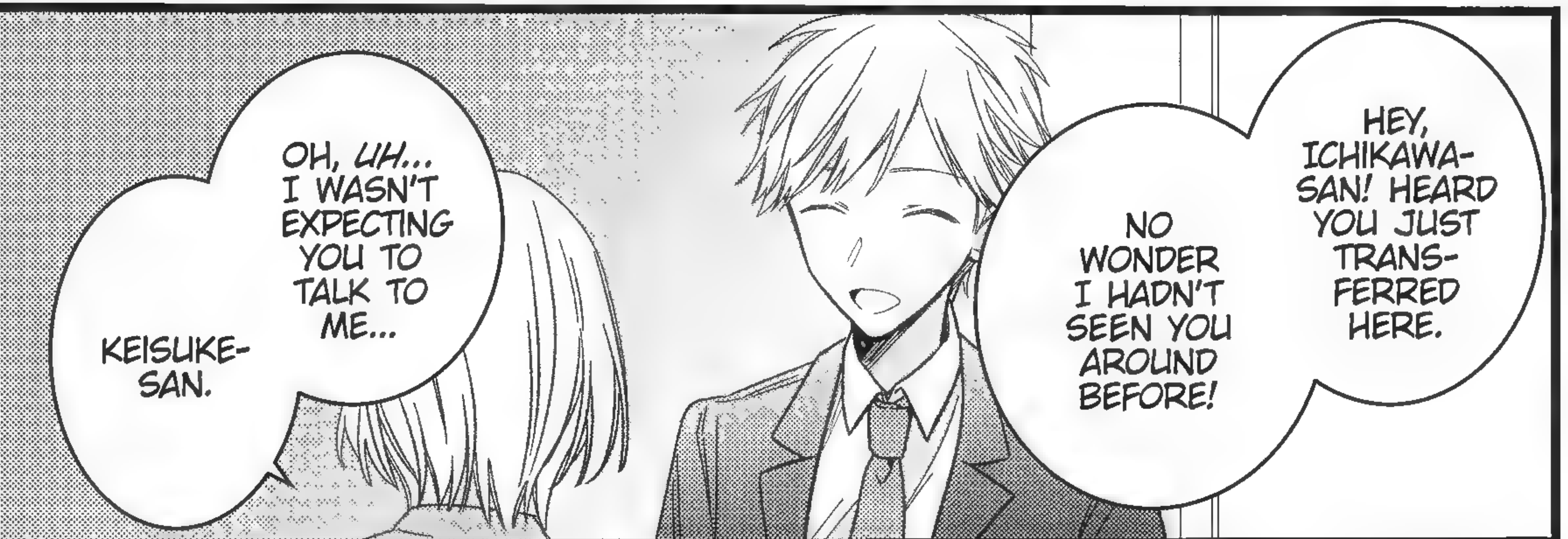
WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON?

And  
why  
am I  
hiding?!

TH-THUMP



SLIP

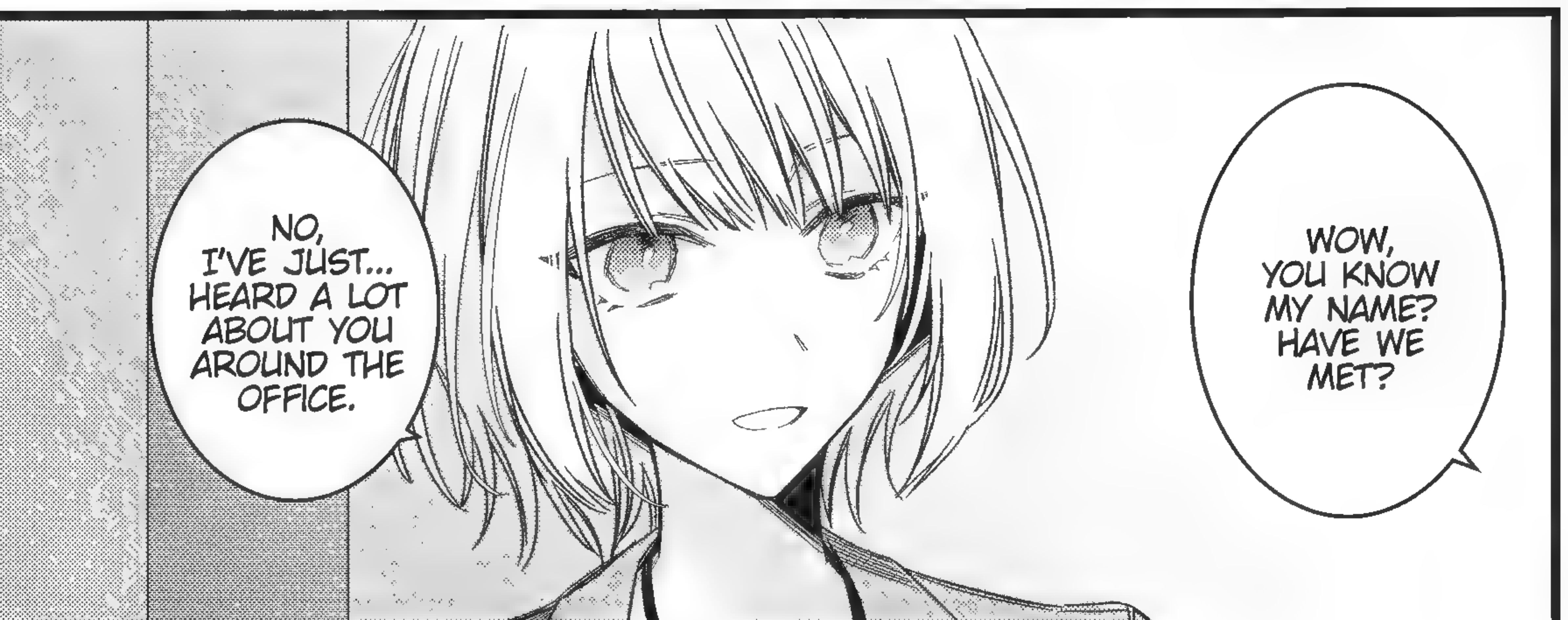


KEISUKE-  
SAN.

OH, UH...  
I WASN'T  
EXPECTING  
YOU TO  
TALK TO  
ME...

NO  
WONDER  
I HADN'T  
SEEN YOU  
AROUND  
BEFORE!

HEY,  
ICHIKAWA-  
SAN! HEARD  
YOU JUST  
TRANS-  
FERRED  
HERE.



NO,  
I'VE JUST...  
HEARD A LOT  
ABOUT YOU  
AROUND THE  
OFFICE.

WOW,  
YOU KNOW  
MY NAME?  
HAVE WE  
MET?





WHAT?  
WHY?

I JUST  
WANTED  
TO GET  
TO KNOW  
YOU ON A  
PERSONAL  
LEVEL.

NO,  
NOTHING  
LIKE  
THAT!

IS  
THERE  
A WORK  
THING YOU  
WANTED  
TO TALK  
ABOUT?



IF NOT,  
I WAS  
WONDERING  
IF WE  
COULD GO  
OUT FOR  
DRINKS.

SOOO...  
GOT A  
BOYFRIEND?









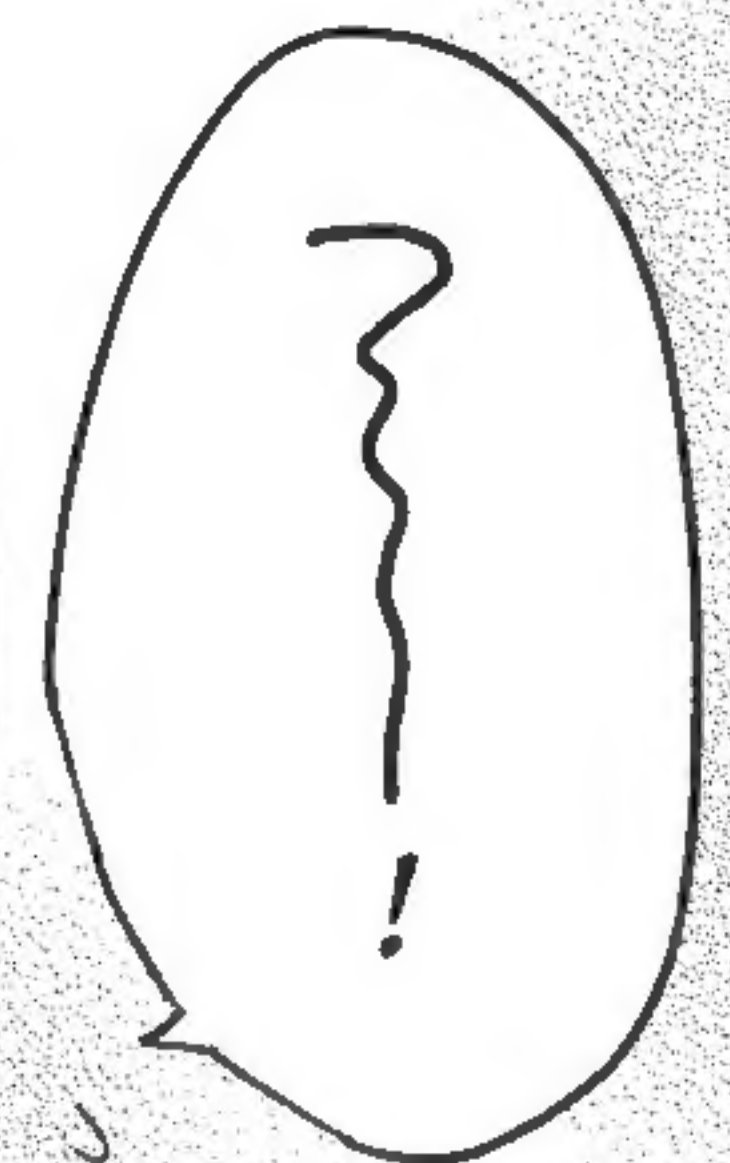








TO MAKE ME BEAUTIFUL.





I Want You  
to Make Me Beautiful



I Want You  
to Make Me Beautiful